

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-48

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING
 POLICE OFFICER
 PHILLIP SALAS
 AS THE RECIPIENT OF A DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

WHEREAS, on the afternoon of October 26, 2010, a critical situation occurred where a bi-polar female threatened to commit suicide by holding a knife to her neck; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer Phillip Salas and his partner, Officer James Walker, arrived at the scene and observed the suicidal female sitting in the driver's seat with a male subject on the passenger side who was struggling with her for control of the knife. The female had a large knife in her hand and ignored all verbal command attempts by the officers. Believing that the female intended to harm herself, her boyfriend or the officers, Officer Walker deployed his Taser in a contact mode and shocked the female on her lower back. Officer Salas was able to move the male subject to safety after the shock from the Taser caused the female to drop the knife. He then reached into the vehicle and removed the knife in order to prevent the female from re-arming herself; and

WHEREAS, the female then reached for a seven and one-half inch fixed blade knife that was concealed near her right leg. She lunged towards Officer Walker with the knife. He immediately re-deployed his Taser at the female, which stopped her stabbing motion. Officer Salas was able to reach in the vehicle and retrieve the second knife after she had dropped it. The female was taken into custody and transported to a local hospital for psychiatric treatment; and

WHEREAS, because of their exceptional levels of courage, dedication and unwavering desire to protect life, both Officers Salas and Walker are to be commended for their quick and decisive actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Torrance, California, does hereby commend, honor, and congratulate

PHILLIP SALAS

who, while acting to protect the citizens of Torrance, exemplified the highest traditions of the Torrance Police Department's core values of service, excellence and pride, and most definitely exceeded what is routinely expected through his heroic act of bravery.

INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of May 2011.

Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN L. FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

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City Clerk