

# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the City of Torrance recognizes with great pride, Rey Rojo, Sr., who was one of the first coaches working in Torrance to build the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO); and
- WHEREAS,** in 1964, AYSO began operations with nine teams, four teams in Torrance and five teams in Culver City. Under the guidance and vision of Rey Rojo, Sr., as one of the first coaches in Region 16 from 1970-1975, AYSO grew rapidly throughout Torrance and the South Bay; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1970, Rey was responsible for establishing soccer fields at Towers, Victor Sepulveda, Flavian (now Bert M. Lynn), Grace Wright, Carl Steele, and Sam Levy schools; and
- WHEREAS,** in the early 1970's Rey worked with other A.Y.S.O leaders to establish the first girls soccer team in the South Bay. He ran coaching clinics for women so they could coach girls soccer teams; and
- WHEREAS,** from 1970-1975, Rey coached the Roadrunners soccer team and they were State Championship runner-ups during the 1971-1972 U-10 season. In the 1974-1975 season, the Rams soccer team coached by Rey won their division; and
- WHEREAS,** Rey helped establish the girls soccer teams at West Torrance High School and Rey trained the school staff so they could coach the girls teams. Rey also founded the Patriots Soccer Club with assistant Coach Dave Franco from 1976-1986. Rey was a West High Boys Soccer Coach from 1977-1980, and all three seasons the teams went to the playoffs. From 1975-1985, Rey refereed at all levels of A.Y.S.O. and, in 1976, Rey started the first A.Y.S.O. summer soccer league for ages 7-12, in so doing he created coaching jobs for A.Y.S.O. and Club players to head coach these new teams; and
- WHEREAS,** thanks to its Pioneers, A.Y.S.O. has more than 50,000 teams, more than 650,000 players and is supported by more than 250,000 parents across the nation, who passionately dedicate their time and talents as coaches, referees, team parents, administrators and sponsors.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK SCOTTO, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby honor, commend and express sincere appreciation to**

## ***REY ROJO, SR.***

for his outstanding contributions and dedicated service to the youth of the community. Rey Rojo, Sr. has made a positive and lasting impact on many lives and serves as an inspiration for all citizens.

Signed this 17th day of May 2011.

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Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

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Sue Herbers, CMC  
City Clerk

