

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the City of Torrance recognizes with great pride, Richard Smisek, who from 1969-1970 volunteered to be the Chief Referee in the South Bay in an effort to help build the American Youth Soccer Organization (A.Y.S.O.); and
- WHEREAS,** in 1964, A.Y.S.O began operations with nine teams, four of which were in Torrance and the other five in Culver City. Dick Smisek served as the Boys Commissioner for ages 6-9 from 1970-1971; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1971 Dick was responsible for helping to establish A.Y.S.O. Region 14, the West Torrance Area and was the Region 14 Commissioner from 1971-1972; and
- WHEREAS,** as the Commissioner, Dick expanded Region 14 from 25 teams to 69 teams in one year, and assisted in getting at least one soccer field in every public school in West Torrance; and
- WHEREAS,** Dick was named Commissioner of the year by A.Y.S.O. for 1972-1973; and
- WHEREAS,** Dick coached his daughters Jan and Jill on the "The Aquarians", a Division I girls team for ages 13-15 and took them all the way to a state Championship in the 1972-1973 season; and
- WHEREAS,** in the summer of 1975, Dick again coached his daughters on the A.Y.S.O. All-Star team that toured Germany; and
- WHEREAS,** thanks to its Pioneers like Dick Smisek, 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

RICHARD SMISEK

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

Signed this 16th day of August 2011.

Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk