

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, Firefighters are dedicated to protecting the community and providing life safety, environmental protection, hazard reduction, and emergency response. The promotion of Fire Service Day brings public awareness of the continuous efforts in fire emergency response, community fire risk reduction, and environmental conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Torrance Fire Department has a long history in serving the residents of this community. Shortly after the City of Torrance was founded in 1912, a Volunteer Fire Department was organized. In May of 1921, when the City was incorporated, the newly formed City Council reorganized the Volunteer Fire Department from volunteers to paid positions; and

WHEREAS, the Torrance Fire Department is one of the premier agencies in the State and Country receiving a Class 1 Rating in 1995 from the Insurance Service Office and becoming an accredited agency through the Center for Public Safety Excellence in 2024. The Torrance Fire Department is among a select group of agencies in the United States to hold both distinctions; and

WHEREAS, we encourage the citizens of Torrance to utilize the many fire safety and prevention courses offered by the Fire Department throughout the year as well as embrace all community risk safety programs such as Torrance Alerts; and

WHEREAS, in honor of the men and women of Torrance Fire Department and its proud tradition of commitment to the community, the Department will host Open Houses at Fire Stations One, Two, Three, Four, Five and Six on Saturday, May 10th, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All citizens are welcome to visit the Torrance Fire Stations on this special day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE K. CHEN, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby proclaim May 10th, 2025 as Fire Service Day.

FIRE SERVICE DAY

in the City of Torrance and urge members of the community to take time to recognize Torrance Firefighters for the services they provide and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Torrance Fire Department.

Signed this 6th day of May 2025.

Mayor George K. Chen

ATTEST:

Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk