

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1967, the Friends of the Torrance Library was established by a group of Torrance residents who wished to promote a City-operated library system; and

WHEREAS, the group passionately advocated for a bond measure that passed with over 78% of the vote, creating the independent Torrance Library system, constructing the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library and the Southeast Library, and funding purchase of all the books, records and films in the system; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Torrance Library held their first book sale in 1968 to raise funds for the new library, a practice that continues today with quarterly book sales, along with ongoing sales in the library and online, from materials generously donated by the community; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Torrance Library has supported all types of programs, including the first homework center, the summer reading program, services to those with disabilities, technology training, online homework assistance, grant matches, new formats, and much more, totaling over \$2,000,000 in donations since their inception; and

WHEREAS, every dollar donated to the Library is raised by passionate volunteers, many serving twenty or more years with the Friends of the Torrance Library, including one who was there in 1967 and is still volunteering.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby honor and express sincere appreciation to the

FRIENDS OF THE TORRANCE LIBRARY

as it celebrates its 50th anniversary, and commend this dedicated group for their service to the community and their exceptional support of the Torrance Public Library.

Signed this 2nd day of April 2019.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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WHEREAS, the United States Conference of Mayors and Major League Baseball have come together to promote youth baseball and PlayBall.org; and

WHEREAS, the City honors and celebrates our athletes both young and old who engage in America's national pastime for competition or just for play; and

WHEREAS, PlayBall.org encourages friends, families and communities to participate in the game of baseball, thus creating a sustainable enthusiasm for the game that has produced countless family and community bonding experiences; and

WHEREAS, the sport of baseball teaches participants valuable life lessons including teamwork, perseverance, leadership, and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Torrance benefit from partnerships with the Riviera, Torrance, North, and West Little Leagues; Torrance American Baseball League; Torrance and South Torrance Babe Ruth Leagues; Torrance and North Torrance Girls Softball Leagues; Torrance, North, South, West, and Bishop High School Baseball and Softball teams; and City of Torrance Recreational Adult Softball Leagues, and facilities such as the Torrance Batting Cages at Wilson Park and all the various baseball and softball fields that all the organizations identified previously practice and play on in Torrance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Torrance urges all its residents to recognize that baseball promotes social connection, exercise and play.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby proclaim March 5, 2019 as

PLAY BALL DAY

in the City of Torrance, and urges all residents to engage in activities that promote baseball for all ages.

Signed this 5th day of March 2019.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk