

**PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
BY THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE**

WHEREAS, Section 16.2.4 of the Torrance Municipal Code declares that the City Manager of the City of Torrance is the Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, Section 16.2.5 of the Torrance Municipal Code empowers the City Manager of the City of Torrance as Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager finds that there is civil unrest in the City of Los Angeles as well as in the cities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica, West Hollywood, and other portions of Los Angeles County which has led to injuries to persons and destruction of property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Torrance is the adjacent to City of Los Angeles and there is an imminent threat of the civil unrest spreading to the City of Torrance which could lead to extreme peril to life and property in the City of Torrance; and

WHEREAS, these civil unrest conditions, if fully manifested, are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of Torrance; and

WHEREAS, there is a protest planned for 1:00 p.m. on May 31, 2020 at Torrance City Hall; and

WHEREAS, there are protests scheduled for other cities in the South Bay; and

WHEREAS, there was a social media post that suggested bringing the civil unrest to cities in the South Bay; and

WHEREAS, the City of Torrance has sent resources to the City of Los Angeles for mutual aid; and

WHEREAS, the mobilization of local resources, the ability to coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and allow for future reimbursement by the state and federal governments will be critical to responding to the civil unrest and therefore, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the City of Torrance proclaim the existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED by the City Manager of the City of Torrance that a local emergency exists throughout the City of


Torrance, and shall be deemed to continue to exist for a period of 7 days or until the City Council takes action to ratify or terminate the proclamation of local emergency; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that during the existence of this local emergency that the powers, functions, and duties of the City of Torrance will be those prescribed by state law, state executive orders, the City Charter, ordinances, and resolutions of the City of Torrance; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Proclamation be forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that the Governor proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency throughout the City of Torrance; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Proclamation be forwarded to the State Director of the Office of Emergency Services.

Date: 30 May 2020



LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager and
Director of Emergency Services

Time: 10:30 pm