

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Procida, Italy is one of the smallest islands in the Gulf of Naples, rich in attractions and archaeology; and

**WHEREAS**, the beautiful picturesque villages and lovely coastline of Procida have inspired many writers and painters, and served as the set for numerous films such as “The Postman” and “The Talented Mr. Ripley; and

**WHEREAS**, the Association, *La Grande Famille de Procida & Ischia*, was founded in 2003 to preserve the archives and reconstitute the genealogy of the islands of Procida and Ischia from 1567 until now; and

**WHEREAS**, *La Grande Famille de Procida & Ischia* has assisted the Council of Procida in the digitalization and computing of the municipal archives from 1810 to 1899, which allows the records to be accessible world-wide to family researchers; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 19th century, millions of Italians left their native country and emigrated throughout the world in search of a new life. Many residents of Torrance, California and neighboring communities in the Los Angeles area have ancestral roots in Procida; and

**WHEREAS**, Pascal Scotto di Vettimo, President of *La Grande Famille de Procida & Ischia*, was instrumental in researching the lineage of Frank Scotto di Gregorio, Mayor of Torrance, back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century as part of the 2012 City of Torrance Centennial Celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, Vincenzo Capezzuto, Mayor of Procida, has extended an invitation to Mayor Frank Scotto to visit Procida and attend the General Meeting of *La Grande Famille de Procida & Ischia* to be held on May 5, 2013. Mayor Scotto is also invited to participate in a ceremony commemorating the Reverend Vincent Capodanno, whose paternal origins are also from Procida.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK SCOTTO, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California**, do hereby express sincere appreciation to

## ***THE CITY OF PROCIDA, ITALY AND LA GRANDE FAMILLE DE PROCIDA & ISCHIA***

for your kind hospitality and collaborative efforts to encourage family history research, education, and the sharing of knowledge to renew the commitment to the concept of family and home.

Signed this 5th day of May 2013.

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Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

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Sue Herbers, CMC  
City Clerk