

Tsunami Preparedness Week

WHEREAS, *More than 100 coastal cities and 60 maritime communities in California are at risk for tsunamis. Since 1860 at least 80 tsunamis have been observed or recorded in California, including at least 17 that caused notable damage; and*

WHEREAS, *California's long coastline and large coastal population living on the Pacific "Ring of Fire" make it vulnerable to tsunamis generated both close to our shore and thousands of miles away; and*

WHEREAS, *For many years, local, state, and federal agencies have worked to increase California's level of preparedness by distributing information to the public on what to do before, during and after a tsunami, developing tsunami inundation maps, installing tsunami hazard signs and conducting alert and warning communications and other drills and exercises and conducting public education events as part of Tsunami Preparedness Week in California; and*

WHEREAS, *The important tsunami safety information should be studied and observed throughout the year in order to reduce injuries, loss of life, and property damage during tsunamis; and*

WHEREAS, *The City of Manhattan Beach will hold a town hall meeting on Thursday, March 28, 2013, at the Joslyn Community Center at 6:30 p.m. with speakers including Rick Wilson, a Senior Engineering Geologist with the California Geological Survey (CGS) who has worked for over 20 years in the geologic and seismic hazard fields and serves as the Science Coordinator for the State of California Tsunami Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation Program, as well as Manhattan Beach Fire Department Battalion Chief Frank Chiella who serves as the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the City of Manhattan Beach.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, David J. Lesser, Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, on behalf of the City Council and the residents do hereby proclaim March 24, 2013, through March 30, 2013, as

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and encourage all residents to increase their knowledge and awareness of proper safety measures to follow before, during, and after tsunamis.

DATED: *this 19th day of March, 2013.*