



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago boasts a distinguished history as a leading media market and news hub home to involved and innovative journalists and on-air personalities, and one such Chicagoan – ABC 7's Meteorologist Tracy Butler – has forged an incredible career rooted in informing Chicago's residents and visitors of all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Tracy is a member of the National Weather Association and the American Meteorological Society who began her broadcasting career as the weathercaster at WTRF-TV in Wheeling, West Virginia, she then worked as the chief weather anchor at WFMJ-TV in Youngstown, Ohio and anchored the morning and noon weathercasts at WRIC-TV in Richmond, Virginia before joining ABC 7 in 1994 as the Eyewitness News in the Morning meteorologist; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career at ABC 7, Tracy has filled in for weather anchors on ABC's Good Morning America, and co-hosted the Chicago Air & Water Show and All-Star Shootout Gold Show, she is also an annual contributor to ABC 7's coverage of the Chicago Auto Show, provides weather updates for ESPN 1000 Radio, serves as the meteorologist for the station's 11 AM newscast, has inspired countless students around Chicagoland through her Weather Sketcher's Club, and along with the ABC 7 Weather Team, was recognized with an Emmy Award for the special, "Surviving the Storm," in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Tracy is also deeply involved in the community and regularly emcees the annual MS Walk for Charity and the Les Turner ALS Walk for Life, with her efforts earning her the *Public Education Award* from the Illinois Chapter of the MS Society, and is involved with ReClaim 13, an organization devoted to ending the exploitation of children; and

WHEREAS, she also uses her love of golf for charity by playing in the Chicago Automobile Trade Association's annual gold outings which raises money for Chicago area charities, helped to co-found The Duke Classic golf outing which has raised nearly \$100,000 for the Greater Chicago Food Depository and the Wounded Warrior Project, was named *Woman of the Year* by the Executive Women's Golf Association, and received the Illinois Treasurer's *Public Service Award*; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her contributions as a meteorologist and philanthropist, and loving wife and mother, Tracy occasionally hosts "Soap Chat" on Facebook with Diana Pathieu where they discuss their love of ABC Daytime's General Hospital; and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2019, Tracy Butler, who has the proud distinction of being the longest running female meteorologist in Chicago, will celebrate 25 years of indelible service as ABC 7's meteorologist:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim January 3, 2019 to be TRACY BUTLER DAY IN CHICAGO in recognition of 25 years of forecasting the weather, and urge all Chicagoans to join in honoring her contributions and commitment to broadcasting and our city.

Dated this 2nd day of January, 2019.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rahm Emanuel".

Mayor