

November 1, 2023

Proclamation: Tom Skilling

WHEREAS, The members of the City Council of Chicago wish to recognize the many accomplishments and the work of Tom Skilling; and

WHEREAS, Tom Skilling announced that he will retire as Chief Meteorologist for WGN-TV at the end of February 2024; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has been notified of his retirement by The Honorable Bill Conway, Alderman of the 34th Ward; and

WHEREAS, After studying meteorology and journalism at the University of Wisconsin - Madison, Tom Skilling worked at a variety of local television and radio stations, including WITI-TV Milwaukee, a role that garnered him the recognition as Milwaukee's top meteorologist; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Skilling started his journey at WGN in August 1978, and for the last 45 years, has been a staple of Chicago morning news as he's shared his knowledge of strange weather patterns from WGN studios, an ice-breaking ship, and even the path of a tornado; and

WHEREAS, Tom Skilling used his expertise to educate Chicagoland about climate change, working with Chicagoland mayors, educators, and community members involved in environmental work; and

WHEREAS, While Mr. Skilling's retirement is a bittersweet moment for Chicago, we're grateful for one last winter guided by his weather reports; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this day of November 1, 2023 do hereby express our gratitude for the work of Mr. Skilling, and extend to him our best wishes for a well deserved retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be printed to Tom Skilling as a token of our well wishes.

Bill Conway
Alderman, 34th Ward