

## RESOLUTION CELEBRATING TERRI HEMMERT'S FIFTY YEARS AT WXRT

**WHEREAS**, On November 3, 2023, Terri Hemmert, beloved Chicago radio icon, celebrates 50 years at WXRT 93.1-FM; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this milestone by the Honorable Matthew O'Shea, Alderman of the 19th Ward; and

**WHEREAS**, Terri's love for music – and, specifically, the Beatles – started when watching the Ed Sullivan Show and seeing the launch of the "British Invasion"; from then on, she decided she would become a Disc Jockey so she could meet the Fab Four; and

**WHEREAS**, After graduating from Elmhurst College and a stint as a late-night DJ in Rochester, New York, Terri returned to the Midwest and began her career at WXRT on November 3, 1973, as Public Affairs Director and overnight announcer; as her popularity grew, she became the first woman in Chicago radio history to command the morning-drive shift in 1981; and

**WHEREAS**, Her extensive knowledge of all things Beatles is showcased on her labor of love, *Breakfast with the Beatles*, which has been on air for over 20 years, and hosting the annual Chicago Fest for Beatles Fans (formerly Beatlefest); and


**WHEREAS**, Terri has been recognized numerous times for her work, including being showcased in a Rock and Roll of Fame exhibit titled "Rock and Radio", receiving a lifetime achievement award from the Chicago chapter of the Recording Academy, and being inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2012 for her contributions to the radio medium, one of few women to be bestowed this honor; and

**WHEREAS**, Terri also is active in social and political causes such as serving on the Board of Directors for the Peace Museum, volunteering on behalf of the AIDS Pastoral Care Network, hosting Classic Encounter with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra for nearly two decades, co-hosting the Chicago Pride Parade, and, in her spare time, teaching radio and music history classes at Columbia College; and

**WHEREAS**, For 50 years, Terri Hemmert has been one of the greatest who has ever been behind a microphone, bringing music and joy to our City and our lives; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, do hereby designate November 3, 2023 as Terri Hemmert Day in honor of her 50 years at WXRT 93.1-FM, and her contributions to the City of Chicago, our arts and culture, and the music and broadcasting industries as a whole; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Terri Hemmert as a token of our gratitude for her years of bringing joy to our mornings.

  
MATTHEW J. O'SHEA  
Alderman, 19th Ward