



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT  
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago has long been home to tenacious, talented, and compassionate men, and one such resident – Thomas A. Demetrio – is a testament to this fact; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Demetrio was born and raised in Chicago and received his bachelors degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1969 and a law degree from IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Demetrio is a founding partner of Corboy & Demetrio, P.C. which has been located on the corner of Washington and Dearborn for more than 40 years and has acquired more than \$4 billion in settlements and verdicts; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Demetrio is a trial lawyer who practices in the areas of personal injury, medical malpractice, transportation accidents, construction accidents, negligence, and wrongful death, and during his career acquired the largest personal injury verdict ever affirmed by the Illinois Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his career as a lawyer, Thomas Demetrio serves on multiple boards including Big Shoulders - Archdiocese of Chicago, Center for Disability and Elder Law, IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, Notre Dame Law School, Constitutional Rights Foundation Center, and more; served as President of the Chicago Bar Association and the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association; and has been an elected Fellow of The International Academy of Trial Lawyers, the American College of Trial Lawyers, and the Inner Circle of Advocates for over 30 years;

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Thomas Demetrio has received many accolades such as being selected as a "Legend of the Bar" by LawDragon and being inducted into their Hall of Fame in 2021; receiving the *Lifetime Achievement Award* from the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association and the Hellenic Bar Association; receiving the *Justice John Paul Stevens Award* from the Chicago Bar Association; and was honored by IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law who named him one of its 125 Alumni of Distinction and awarded him the *Alumni Merit Award*, *Professional Achievement Award*, and *Distinguished Service Award*; and

WHEREAS, in addition he founded the Lawyers Lend-A-Hand to Youth Program to support, tutor, and mentor underprivileged youth in Chicago, and has authored more than 60 legal articles and presented over 100 lectures across the country; and

WHEREAS, for the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row, Thomas Demetrio has been ranked #1 attorney in the state, in all practice areas, by Thomas-Reuter's Super Lawyers:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim February 25, 2022 to be THOMAS A. DEMETRIO DAY IN CHICAGO in recognition of the indelible contributions he has made to the legal profession and for an outstanding career that will be remembered for generations to come.

Dated this 25th day of February, 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori E. Lightfoot".  
Mayor