



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO**

BRANDON JOHNSON
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD) is a neurodegenerative disease that affects more than 60,000 people in the United States, causing a profound impact on behavior, decision-making, personality, language, and movement; and

WHEREAS, FTD most commonly strikes individuals under the age of 65, with some cases appearing as early as age 17 and as late as age 87, leading to a diminished life expectancy of 7 to 13 years after diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, FTD remains underdiagnosed and misunderstood, with no treatments available to slow its progression, despite its debilitating effects on individuals and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD) works tirelessly to support families affected by FTD and advocate for research and education in the search for a cure; and

WHEREAS, the importance of shining a light on the issue of FTD lies in raising awareness, driving progress in research, and increasing support for all those affected by Frontotemporal Degeneration:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRANDON JOHNSON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim September 22-29, 2024, as FTD AWARENESS WEEK IN CHICAGO and urge all residents to learn more about this disease, support those affected, and join in the efforts to find a cure.

Dated this 22nd day of September, 2024.

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Mayor