



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO**

BRANDON JOHNSON
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is renowned for its rich history of innovation, serving as a birthplace for transformative ideas, groundbreaking inventions, and forward-thinking leaders who have continually shaped the landscape of industry, technology, and culture; and

WHEREAS, innovation is the engine that drives economic growth, enhances the quality of life for our residents, and ensures that our city remains competitive in an ever-evolving global economy; and

WHEREAS, the entrepreneurs, scientists, engineers, educators, and creatives of Chicago are constantly pushing the boundaries of what is possible, transforming challenges into opportunities, and laying the groundwork for future generations to thrive; and

WHEREAS, Chicago is home to world-class research institutions, leading technology companies, vibrant startup ecosystems, and diverse communities that collaborate to foster a culture of creativity and ingenuity; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Innovation, an organization dedicated to celebrating and supporting the local innovation community, plays a vital role in highlighting the achievements of innovators across various sectors and fostering an environment where ideas can flourish; and

WHEREAS, by declaring a day dedicated to innovation, we honor the contributions of those who drive progress and commit to nurturing the next generation of innovators who will shape the future of our city and beyond:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRANDON JOHNSON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim July 9, 2024 to be CHICAGO INNOVATION DAY IN CHICAGO and encourage all residents, businesses, and institutions to join in recognizing and celebrating the innovative spirit that defines our great city.

Dated this 9th day of July, 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brandon Johnson", written over a line that says "Mayor".

Mayor