

COMMENDATORY

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Fritz Coleman is a legendary weatherman for channel NBC4, having delivered forecasts to viewers across Southern California for 39 years, and has enjoyed many years of success as part of one of the longest-running news anchor teams in the industry alongside anchors Colleen Williams and Chuck Henry, and sports anchor Fred Roggin; and

WHEREAS, Fritz joined NBC4 in 1982, and quickly became well known for his sense of humor, positive personality, and his extensive knowledge of meteorology; and

WHEREAS, named "Best Weathercaster" in nearly every local newspaper, Fritz has received numerous awards, including an honorary doctorate from Woodbury University in Burbank, and Humanitarian of the Year awards from many charitable organizations. He was named a "Treasure of Los Angeles" by the City of Los Angeles, and was honored with a congressional "Humanitarian of the Year Award" on behalf of the United States House of Representatives for his fundraising efforts on behalf of the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, originally from Philadelphia, Fritz attended Salem College and Temple University, where he studied radio, television and film, and served in the Navy. Having worked as a radio personality, disc jockey, and radio talk show host, Fritz moved to Los Angeles in 1980; and

WHEREAS, well known for his humor, Fritz has been featured in multiple shows, including "What a Week" (1990 – 1991), "It's Fritz" (1988-1990), "Fritz and Friends" (Special) and "The Perils of Parenting" (Special), and has received four Los Angeles area Emmy Awards for his work; and

WHEREAS, Fritz has worked as a stand-up comic at clubs throughout California, including The Improv in Hollywood, and the Ice House in Pasadena, and has made several guest appearances on the "Tonight Show with Johnny Carson" and other network shows;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby declares July 1st, 2020, as "Fritz Coleman Day" in the City of Los Angeles and commend Fritz Coleman for his 39 years of outstanding public service and achievement in the the City of Los Angeles, and on behalf of the people of this City, we extend our best of wishes to Fritz in all his future endeavors.

PRESENTED BY:

David E. Ryu (verbal)
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:

Monica Rodriguez (verbal)
Councilmember, 7th District