



## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, home to countless cultural landmarks, the City of Chicago's famed Westside has been home to distinguished leaders in every field of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, located in the historic West Garfield Park community since 1999, Westside Youth Technical Entrepreneur Center (WYTEC), partners with community members as well as businesses and civic organizations to offer high quality after school, summer, and weekend programming to talented youth throughout the Garfield Park, Lawndale and Austin neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, WYTEC promotes academic excellence, increased career choices, higher education access, and the importance of entrepreneurship and establishing lifelong relationships by exposing its members to the principles of entrepreneurship, math and science, engineering and technology, and art; and

WHEREAS, a member of the 100 plus Intel Computer Clubhouse operating in twenty countries worldwide, WYTEC has long championed involved, fun teamwork for students that fosters personal growth and cooperation while nurturing big ideas in a safe, creative and peaceful environment; and

WHEREAS, this year, WYTEC will host the inaugural *CHICAGO YOUNG LEADERS* luncheon in honor of concerned, compassionate, and inspiring youth leaders, who work to impact and improve their communities every day; and

WHEREAS, the *CHICAGO YOUNG LEADERS* luncheon will also introduce WYTEC members to community leaders who have devoted their lives and resources to the transformation of Chicago's Westside, making indelible investments through advocacy, leadership, and mentoring; and

WHEREAS, Domonique F. McCord, Founder and Therapist of DFM Wellness Alliance has given countless hours of her personal time to advancing the holistic well-being for a great many residents across Chicagoland; and

WHEREAS, *Mellow Sam* – Sam H. Clora – retired WVON Reporter and Civil Rights champion, has allocated personal time and resources to uplifting people and creating possibilities that help transform neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, January 24, 2015, Westside Youth Technical Entrepreneur Center will honor Mellow Sam H. Clora with its *LEGACY Award*, recognize Domonique Frances McCord with the *IMPACT Award*, and acknowledge twenty-five of our dedicated young people with the *CHICAGO YOUNG LEADERS Award*:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim January 24, 2015 to be CHICAGO YOUNG LEADERS – DOMONIQUE McCORD – MELLOW SAM DAY IN CHICAGO, in recognition of their continued leadership and immeasurable contributions to the City of Chicago and urge all Chicagoans to acknowledge this auspicious occasion.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2015.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rahm Emanuel".

Mayor