



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, WTTW's "Chicago Tonight: The Week in Review" went on the air on January 20, 1978, and has since become the longest-running series in the station's history; and,*

*WHEREAS, the program provides relevant, informative, and engaging news, helping viewers in Chicago and around the state of Illinois better understand the important stories that affect them each week; and,*

*WHEREAS, Joel Weisman has been the host and senior editor of the program since its inception, and it became one of Chicago television's longest-running series ever with a single host or anchor; and,*

*WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Illinois, Joel started his journalism career as a reporter for the City News Bureau of Chicago, worked for the Gary Post-Tribune, was political editor and investigative reporter for the Chicago American (Chicago Today), reporter/columnist and metropolitan editor of the Chicago Sun-Times, and Midwest correspondent for The Washington Post; and,*

*WHEREAS, Joel has won multiple awards, including Emmys, Peter Lisagor, Jacob Scher, and Associated Press awards; is a member of the Chicago Television Academy's prestigious Silver Circle; and was twice nominated for the Pulitzer Prize for his investigative reporting; and,*

*WHEREAS, Joel will host his final "Week in Review" on January 19, 2018, marking the program's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the air; in retirement, Joel plans to spend time with family and continue his work as an attorney, specializing in media law;*

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim Friday, January 19, 2018, as **JOEL WEISMAN DAY** in Illinois in honor and recognition of Joel's many years of dedicated service to the people of Chicago and Illinois.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,*  
SECOND JANUARY  
*this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in*  
*the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and*  
EIGHTEEN  
*\_\_\_\_\_, and of the State of Illinois,*  
*two hundredth.*



*Deese White*

SECRETARY OF STATE

*Bruce Rauner*

GOVERNOR