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Proclamation congratulating David Highfield upon the occasion of his 30 years at KDKA-TV.

WHEREAS, "There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure." That quote by Colin Powell depicts the true essence of **Mr. David Highfield** and his 30 years dedicated to KDKA-TV; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, while a student at Syracuse University, **David** accepted an internship at KDKA-TV. Later that year, before **David** even graduated from college, he was offered a full-time position with the news station; and

WHEREAS, over the years, **David** worked his way up at KDKA from writer, producer and eventually became a reporter; and

WHEREAS, **David** has covered a number of notable news events such as: visits to the U.S. by Pope Francis and Pope Benedict; the 2007 shootings at Virginia Tech; aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans; the tragedy at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue in 2018; the death of Mayor Bob O'Connor; the crash of Flight 427; Richard Baumhammers' shooting spree in 2000; and the 9/11 attack from both Shanksville and the Pentagon; and

WHEREAS, some of **David's** reports have aired on several news stations across the country, such as WCBS in New York and KCBS in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, **David** anchors KDKA's morning newscast "Your Day Pittsburgh" with Heather Abraham. The two of them also host "Pittsburgh Today Live," a daily lifestyle/talk show; and

WHEREAS, **David** has received several accolades over the years, such as 12 Mid-Atlantic Emmy

Awards, two regional Edward R. Murrow Awards, and Golden Quills; and

WHEREAS, in addition to anchoring duties, *David* is passionate about donating his time to local charities including The KDKA-TV Turkey Fund, Animal Friends, Persad Center, Hair Peace, American Red Cross, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and Progressive Workshop of Armstrong County;