

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation



WHEREAS, January 31, 2020, was a day to remember for Tuff, a 12-year-old English Bulldog, and members of the South Milwaukee Fire Department. While Tuff was playing with his family that morning, he fell through the ice on Lake Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Tuff was in the cold, icy water for about 10 minutes, while bystanders tried unsuccessfully to rescue him. Fortunately, the South Milwaukee Fire Department received a call and arrived on scene; and

WHEREAS, Captain John Frost, Lieutenant Kurt Egner, Firefighter/Paramedic John Rhinesmith, Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Kurz, Firefighter Jared Rentmeester and Firefighter Kevin Schneider immediately went into action. Firefighter/Paramedic Rhinesmith cleared the bystanders from the ice and proceeded to walk over the ice to where Tuff was. Falling through the ice to reach the dog, he and Tuff were then pulled to safety by other members of the team; and

WHEREAS, Tuff was taken to the waiting ambulance and attended to by Lieutenant Egner, who dried and warmed the dog. After several minutes, Tuff became more active and was then taken to a veterinarian to be checked. Thankfully, all was well; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Erik Brooks and the Common Council of the City of South Milwaukee, to commemorate the toughness, fearlessness and tenacity of Tuff, do hereby declare February 11, 2020 as “Tuff Tuesday” in the City of South Milwaukee, and thank our firefighters and paramedics for their heroic work, and wish continued health to Tuff with this second chance at life.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Erik Brooks'.

ERIK BROOKS, Mayor