

**BY:** M. of A. McMahon

**CONGRATULATING** the University at Buffalo Women's Basketball Team upon the occasion of winning the Women's National Invitation Tournament Championship on April 5, 2025

**WHEREAS,** Individual and team championships are highly sought after in college sports; this Legislative Body commends rare athletic achievements and pays special recognition to those who pursue such excellence and become examples for the youth of this great Empire State; and

**WHEREAS,** Athletic competition helps to enhance both the moral and physical development of young athletes, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the importance of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the University at Buffalo Women's Basketball Team upon the occasion of winning the Women's National Invitation Tournament (WNIT) Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Bulls defeated Troy in an 88-84 victory in front of a record crowd to win the Championship on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at University at Buffalo's Alumni Arena; and

**WHEREAS,** Proudly donning the school's colors of white and blue, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Bulls throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 30-7 overall record; and

**WHEREAS,** A truly historic occasion, this momentous win marks the first ever WNIT Championship win for the University at Buffalo; this season's impressive record of 30 wins is also a program record; and

**WHEREAS,** In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Becky Burke and her skilled coaching staff worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the court; and

**WHEREAS,** Head Coach Becky Burke and all the outstanding athletes on the University at Buffalo Women's Basketball Team have clearly utilized dedication, determination and teamwork in providing a lasting contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the members of the University at Buffalo Women's Basketball Team: Mallory Daly, Noelani Cornfield, Sitota Gines, Kirsten Lewis-Williams, Paula Lopez, Makenna Shaffer, Ariana Seawell, Caylen Spano, Terah Harness, Jordyn Beaty, Chellia Watson; Head Coach Becky

Burke; Associate Head Coach Jacey Brooks; Assistant Coaches James Ewing and Erin Sinnott; and dedicated support staff members Sarah Tranelli,

Jake Shaver, Kayleah Mcguire, and Ella Unger on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the University at Buffalo Women's Basketball Team, Head Coach Becky Burke, Associate Head Coach Jacey Brooks; Assistant Coaches James Ewing and Erin Sinnott, and the team's support staff.