

**BY:** M. of A. Conrad

**CONGRATULATING** the Buffalo Bandits Lacrosse Team upon the occasion of capturing the National Lacrosse League Championship on May 24, 2025

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those exemplary athletes and organizations that excel in professional athletics, distinguishing themselves through notable achievements and representing the great Empire State with pride and determination; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Buffalo Bandits Lacrosse Team upon the occasion of capturing the National Lacrosse League Championship; and

**WHEREAS,** To the praise and applause of a sold-out arena, the Bandits clinched the title after defeating the Saskatchewan Rush in a decisive 15-6 victory in the final game of a best-of-three series on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at KeyBank Center in Buffalo, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** This monumental win marks the third consecutive championship for the Buffalo Bandits, an accomplishment held only by one other team in league history; and

**WHEREAS,** Proudly donning the team's colors of orange, black, white, and purple, family members, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Bandits throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive overall record; and

**WHEREAS,** The athletic talent displayed by the Buffalo Bandits Lacrosse Team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach John Tavares and his expert coaching staff, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** The hallmarks of the Buffalo Bandits Lacrosse Team, from the opening game of the season to their outstanding win in the National Lacrosse League Championship game, were outstanding athletic ability, good sportsmanship, and honor, demonstrating that these team players are second to none; and

**WHEREAS,** Sports competitions instill the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment; Head Coach John Tavares and the Buffalo Bandits Lacrosse Team's outstanding athletes have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their organization; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the members of the Buffalo Bandits Lacrosse Team: Tehoka Nanticoke, Chris Cloutier, Thomas Whitty, Cam Wyers, Paul Dawson, Dylan Robinson, Lukas Nielsen, Nick Weiss, Justin Martin, Josh Byrne, Steve Priolo, Kiel Matisz, Ron John, Connor Farrell, Zack Belter, Kyle

Buchanan, Dhane Smith, Chase Fraser, Steve Orleman, Matt Vinc, Emmerson Clark, Matt Spanger, Taylor Dooley, Trent Robertson, Evan Constantopoulos, Clay Scanlan, and Bryce Sweeting; and Head Coach John

Tavares upon the occasion of capturing the National Lacrosse League Championship on May 24, 2025; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Buffalo Bandits Lacrosse Team, and to Head Coach John Tavares.