

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, NY, JULY 23, 2020

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 23rd day of July, 2020 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature seeks to honor individuals and institutions of Erie County who enhance the quality of life in the community through their efforts; and

WHEREAS, attorney and author William A. Lorenz, Jr. was awarded the title of "Buffalo's Best Batman" on April 26, 2014 from the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library; and

WHEREAS, William A. Lorenz, Jr. has been volunteering as "Buffalo's Best Batman" in the community for over six years, helping to raise thousands of dollars for charity, establishing a new annual tradition in the Buffalo Bisons' Superhero Night, and inspiring many others to give of their time as costumed charity performers; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic beginning in March 2020 created a crisis that put a great mental, physical, and financial hardship on citizens worldwide; and

WHEREAS, William A. Lorenz, Jr. utilized "Buffalo's Best Batman" to bring joy and comfort to the community during the pandemic, volunteering in costume at mobile food pantries and food drives with organizations such as The Salvation Army, West Side Community Services, Buffalo Dream Center, and FeedMore WNY; and

WHEREAS, William A. Lorenz, Jr. also appeared as "Buffalo's Best Batman" during the pandemic at social distancing birthday parades for children with special needs, as well as the Clarence Memorial Day Flag Parade; and

WHEREAS, William A. Lorenz, Jr. obeyed the rules of social distancing when volunteering as "Buffalo's Best Batman" during the pandemic, adding the required personal protective equipment to his costume; and

WHEREAS, countless individuals in need of cheer and supplies were able to find relief and smiles thanks to the efforts of William A. Lorenz, Jr., who became a real-life superhero during a global crisis; and

WHEREAS, it is suitable of this representative body to recognize the importance of those individuals who selflessly stepped up in the community when help was needed most, and who give back to the community at large whenever and wherever possible, because such actions strengthen our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body pauses in its deliberations on July 23, 2020 to recognize William A. Lorenz, Jr., Esq. "Buffalo's Best Batman" for bringing hope and light during the darkest times of the COVID-19 crisis here in Western New York, and to thank him for all that he has done to uplift our community over the past six years.

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