

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., MAY 27, 2021 A.D.

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 27th day of May, 2021 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

Honoring Dawson Field

WHEREAS, **Dawson Field** is located on Columbia Avenue and Lincoln Street in Depew, NY where thousands of children and adults have competed in sporting events since 1926; and

WHEREAS, **Dawson Field** is named after J. Emmet Dawson who worked in the Depew School District for 42 years as a coach, athletic director and teacher; and

WHEREAS, **Dawson Field** has been a place of entertainment for thousands of children, adults and spectators from Depew High School football games to Little League games, the field has brought endless joy to players, fans and spectators in the Depew and Lancaster area; and

WHEREAS, according to Michael Kotz, former health teacher and varsity baseball coach, **Dawson Field** was a top field in the area where the Buffalo school teams would gladly give up home field advantage for the opportunity to play on the field; and

WHEREAS, in Fall 2019, the Lancaster Baseball Booster Club signed a 10-year lease to own agreement with the Depew Union Free School District to own historic **Dawson Field**; and

WHEREAS, since the Lancaster Baseball Booster Club took ownership they have committed to completing significant improvements to the aesthetics of Dawson Field and renovations to the diamond including adding drainage, leveling of the infield playing surface, new sod and pitching mound and a newly erected dome-shaped backstop; and

WHEREAS, Dawson Field's tagline is 'honoring our history while planning for an all-inclusive future'; and

WHEREAS, a grand re-opening and 95th anniversary celebration event is planned on Saturday, June 5th, 2021 at **Dawson Field**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor **Dawson Field** on its 95th anniversary, and to recognize the Lancaster and Depew community that will enjoy the new and improved field.

Hon. Frank J. Todaro
Erie County Legislator, 8th District