

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, NY, JULY 16, 2021

*Honoring and Recognizing Dion Dawkins of the Buffalo Bills for
Hosting Dion's Dreamers "Christmas in July" 716 Day*

WHEREAS, Dion Dawkins, starting offensive tackle (also known to Bills Mafia as the Schnowman) is entering his 5th year with the Buffalo Bills; and

WHEREAS, Dion played college football at Temple University and was drafted by the Bills in the second round of the 2017 NFL Draft; and

WHEREAS, this year, Dion is taking advantage of Christmas in July and 716 Day to benefit his foundation Dion's Dreamers; and

WHEREAS, Dion's passion is to help children in tough circumstances ranging from the loss of a parent, abandonment, homelessness, and more; and

WHEREAS, Dion's Dreamers aims to provide mentorship and support to young men and women in underprivileged communities, as well as those in a place of mental, financial, or physical hardship; and

WHEREAS, live music, entertainment, and a visit from Santa will take place at the cross streets of North Park Avenue and Hertel Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the “Christmas in July” event will display special deals from various sponsors including: ACV Auctions, The Bills Foundation, Buffalo Fire Department, Bertha’s Diner, The Cereal Spot, Churn Ice Cream, Get Smoked, Hertel Food Expo, House of Olives, Lloyd Taco Factory, Local Edge, Spot Coffee Co and Wine on Hertel; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the sponsors of the event, the following entities deserve recognition for their contributions to the event including: Buffalo Police Department, Police Athletic League, Buffalo Public Library, Dirty Bird Chicken N’ Waffles, Hertel Business Association, Off the Wall Sandwich Company, Outback Kettlecorn, Rachel’s Mediterranean and Snowcones Gallore; and

WHEREAS, Dion has prepared himself for this journey as a devoted football player as well as serving countless and constant hours to ensure that Dion’s Dreamers will remain a viable resource to the community he cherishes dearly for many years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby recognize and extend our sincere appreciation and praise to *Dion Dawkins and Dion’s Dreamers Foundation* on hosting his community celebration free event “Christmas in July” on July 16, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body extends our gratitude to Dion for his dedication to our community and the impact he will have in the City of Buffalo as he continues to support young men and women in underserved communities throughout Erie County for many years to come.

Hon. Lisa M. Chimera
Erie County Legislator, 3rd District

Hon. Howard J. Johnson Jr.
Erie County Legislator, 1st District