

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., MARCH 4, 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 4th day of March, 2021 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, **Jeffrey J. Miller** is an author and historian born in 1961 in Lime Lake, New York and currently lives in the Village of Springville, New York; and

WHEREAS, **Jeffrey J. Miller** is best known for his writing about the history of professional football with a book highlighting Springville native and legendary football coach “Pop” Warner and several books about Buffalo football; and

WHEREAS, **Jeffrey J. Miller’s** first book published in 1996, *The Iceman Cameth*, told of the natural ice industry of Lime Lake, New York after which he planned to write about the Civil War until he discovered a scrapbook with clips about the Buffalo Old Americans from the 1920’s who won a championship that was later stripped. His interest led him to a meeting with the last living member of the team and what he learned became his next book published in 2004; and

WHEREAS, **Jeffrey J. Miller** currently has six non-fiction books in print five focusing on football including “Buffalo’s Forgotten Champions: The Story of Buffalo’s First Professional Football Team and the Lost 1921 Title” and “100 Things Bills Fans Should Know Or Do Before They Die” with two additional books to be published in 2021; and

WHEREAS, **Jeffrey J. Miller** is a member of the Professional Football Research Association and was awarded the Ralph E. Hay award for a lifetime achievement in professional football research; and

WHEREAS, **Jeffrey J. Miller** writes for the Professional Football Research Association’s bi-monthly magazine “The Coffin Corner” and blog “Pro Football Journal”; and

WHEREAS, **Jeffrey J. Miller** focuses on the people, not the statistics and writes to tell the stories behind the players, who they are, and what drives them to succeed; and

WHEREAS, **Jeffrey J. Miller** continues to add to his writing collection with the addition of two new titles to be released in 2021, “Relics, the History of the Buffalo Bills in Objects and Memorabilia” and a second edition of “100 Things Bills Fans Should Know Or Do Before They Die”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor **Jeffrey J. Miller** for his contribution to researching and recording the history of the players, people and significant moments in football.

JOHN J. MILLS
Erie County Legislator – 11th District