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MAYOR BROWN HONORS UB BULLS AT CITY HALL IN RECOGNITION OF THE TEAM'S HISTORIC WIN FOR THE UB FOOTBALL PROGRAM

Mayor Brown declares January 31, 2020 as UB Football Day in the city of Buffalo

Buffalo, NY – As we head into Super Bowl LIV weekend, Mayor Byron W. Brown today issued a proclamation declaring January 31, 2020 as 'UB Football' day in the city of Buffalo in celebration and commemoration of the UB Football Team's first-ever bowl win in the history of the UB Football program. Back on December 20, 2019, the Buffalo Bulls from the Mid-American Conference (MAC) won the 2019 Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl with a 31-9 victory over the Charlotte 49ers from Conference USA (C-USA).

"On behalf of the city of Buffalo, we are proud of what Head Coach Lance Leipold, his assistant coaches, players and other members of the UB Bulls, accomplished this season," said Mayor Brown. "This team made history in paradise, capping a memorable week in the Bahamas by winning an historic game for the UB football program. We're so proud of how our student-athletes, coaches and the entire football program represented the City of Buffalo on an international stage. Thank you for giving us something to cheer for and for shining a positive spotlight on Buffalo, our fine Higher Education Institutions and competitive athletic programs."

The historic win for the UB Football program was the culmination of an 8-5 season in which the Bulls started 2-4 and finished by winning five of their final six regular-season games.

Mayor Brown continued, "Today I ask the community to applaud these student-athletes, who have made sacrifices and worked collectively towards a winning goal. The commitment they made to one another, to their coaches and to the University at Buffalo and Buffalo community, represents the best of Buffalo and serves as an inspiration to others throughout our city."

Today, the team arrived at City Hall, donned in jerseys and sporting the Prime Minister's Trophy, and shared memories that will last a lifetime, most notably the pride in knowing that they accomplished something no previous Bulls team has: winning a bowl game. This was Buffalo's fourth appearance in a bowl game; they were 0-3 in prior bowls, most recently appearing in the 2018 Dollar General Bowl. The MVP's of the game for the offensive was Jaret Patterson (RB, Buffalo); defensive MVP was Malcolm Koonce (DE, Buffalo).

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