



- COUNTY OF ERIE - STATE OF NEW YORK -
- OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE -
- EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION -

HONORING THE GOO GOO DOLLS

WHEREAS, in 1986, John Rzeznik of Buffalo and Robby Takac of West Seneca met in Buffalo's music scene and began performing as The Goo Goo Dolls and opening for national acts such as Bad Religion, Motörhead, and many others; and,

WHEREAS, in 1993, The Goo Goo Dolls started to receive significant media attention and positive critical reception with their album *Superstar Car Wash* and then continued growing their popularity with 1995's *A Boy Named Goo*; and,

WHEREAS, in 1998, The Goo Goo Dolls reached superstardom with the album *Dizzy Up the Girl*, specifically with the single "Iris," which hit #1 in multiple countries, held long charting success, and is frequently mentioned as an all-time great pop song by multiple outlets including Rolling Stone and Billboard magazines; and,

WHEREAS, while John and Robby have recorded an additional 8 albums for 14 total as The Goo Goo Dolls, including 2022's *Chaos in Bloom*, and in total have sold over 15 million records worldwide and been nominated for four Grammy awards, they have never shied away from their Buffalo roots and have even embraced the ambassador role representing our region worldwide; and,

WHEREAS, John and Robby continue to be very active in the Western New York community and have given their support to many great local organizations that serve Buffalo and Erie County residents such as Feedmore WNY, Compass House, and Variety Kids Telethon; and,

WHEREAS, Erie County is proud to have great ambassadors in John and Robby and is honored to be the final stop on their current Summer Tour, a show rescheduled from 2020, in front of thousands of their hometown fans.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, MARK C. POLONCARZ, Erie County Executive, do hereby proclaim September 24th, 2022 as "The Goo Goo Dolls Day" in Erie County. It is with a heartfelt thank you to John and Robby for all they do for our community and for inspiring so many with their music in their over 30 year career.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the County of Erie, State of New York in the City of Buffalo this twenty fourth day of September in the year two thousand and twenty-two.

County of Erie, State of New York

By:

Mark C. Poloncarz, Erie County Executive