



Official Statement From The Buffalo Bills Alumni Chapter

As former members of the Buffalo Bills, we came here from all over the country to play for the greatest team in the greatest city in professional football. And because of the genuine love and friendship we felt while playing here, many of us decided to make Buffalo our permanent home.

We knew without a doubt that there was a valid reason why Buffalo is called “The City of Good Neighbors”. We are living proof of how true that motto really is.

The despicable acts of violence and the tragedy of last Saturday cast upon our great city will never define us. We will not let racism or hatred ever be synonymous with Buffalo, New York. We are too strong of a community to let evil overcome good.

The Buffalo Bills players have always been leaders in the fight against racism. It goes as far back as the 1965 American Football League All Star Game which was originally scheduled to be played in New Orleans.

After numerous black players were refused service by a number of New Orleans hotels and businesses, black and white players alike lobbied for a boycott. Under the leadership of Buffalo Bills players Ernie Warlick, Cookie Gilchrist and Jack Kemp, the players put up a unified front, and the game was successfully moved to Houston.

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Like all of us, our hearts are heavy with grief. We too mourn with those who lost loved ones from this senseless act. Those lives that were lost were unquestionably the beautiful and wonderful people who make up the fabric of our community. We will continue to support and lift them up in constant prayer.

Our Buffalo family will rise even stronger than ever from this horrific tragedy because we are **BUFFALO STRONG!**