



- Whereas** February 29th marks Rare Disease Day and is recognized by members of the rare disease community in the city of Burlington; and
- Whereas** We recognize and commend the important work of all those who are part of this community, and for their work as part of the Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders, to ensure that our healthcare system works for all Canadians, including those with less common diseases; and
- Whereas** One in 12 Canadians live with a rare disorder. Many others still are affected or at risk and remain undiagnosed and unaware. Rare disease research is crucial to providing patients and their families with the answers and solution they need, whether it's a treatment, a cure or improved care; and
- Whereas** "Faces of Rare" is the theme of this year's Rare Disease Day; and
- Whereas** 103 countries are participating in Rare Disease Awareness Day this year, with thousands of events worldwide for 300 million people with rare diseases; and
- Whereas** We in Burlington, Ontario are proud of our contribution to this body of research, and are gratified to see that the outcomes continue to improve the lives of those affected by these often-devastating rare diseases; and
- Whereas** We recognize the continued work of the Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders and the many local groups it represents, who are instrumental in helping to provide and advance much needed support to the rare disease community in the province of Ontario.
- Therefore** I, Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby proclaim **February 29th, 2024** as

"Rare Disease Awareness Day"

and do commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our municipality.

Dated this 13th day of February 2024



Mayor Marianne Meed Ward

CITY OF
Burlington