



**The Corporation of the City of Burlington  
Office of the Mayor**

**PROCLAMATION**

- Whereas** "Test Your Smoke Alarm Day" marks the first day of action to promote installing and testing working smoke alarms in every home in Ontario; and
- Whereas** in 2022, there were 133 fire fatalities in the Province of Ontario, the largest number of fire-related deaths in 20 years; and
- Whereas** a working smoke alarm has been legally required to be installed on every storey of a residence in Ontario since 2006; and
- Whereas** this new initiative and awareness campaign is led by the Ontario Fire Marshall and supported by the Burlington Fire Department; and
- Whereas** this new provincial initiative is led by the Ontario Fire Marshal and supported by the Burlington Fire Department; and
- Whereas** all residents in Burlington and across the Province of Ontario are encouraged to learn more about smoke alarms, fire prevention and home fire escape planning. This day will be a launch into Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 8-14, 2023) and the Burlington Fire Department's **Sound On & Save Lives** social sharing campaign running throughout the Fall.
- Therefore** I, Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of the City of Burlington do hereby proclaim **September 28, 2023**, as

***"Test Your Smoke Alarm Day"***

in the City of Burlington and encourage residents to test their smoke (and carbon monoxide) alarms on September 28 and join the Burlington Fire Department's campaign to spread awareness of this important, and preventable, public safety issue. Participation is as simple as taking a moment to remind loved ones, friends, and colleagues that smoke and CO alarms save lives. Whether through social media, phone, text or in person, talk to your friends, family, and coworkers to make sure their alarms are working and haven't expired. By doing this, you can influence change and make our city safer.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023



**Mayor Marianne Meed Ward**

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