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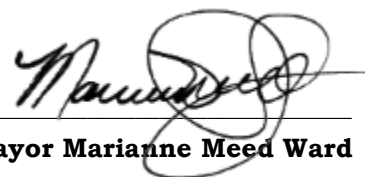
**PROCLAMATION**

- Whereas** April is BeADonor Month in Ontario; and
- Whereas** The goal during BeADonor Month is to inspire those who have not yet registered consent for organ and tissue donation; and
- Whereas** Almost 1,400 people in Ontario are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant and every three days someone will die waiting for an organ transplant;
- Whereas** In 2022, 328 deceased organ donors gave the gift of life, 907 organ transplants were performed in Ontario, and 1,783 tissue donors enhanced the lives of thousands; and
- Whereas** 90% of Ontarians support organ and tissue donation yet only one in three (35%) of eligible Ontarians have registered their consent to donate; and
- Whereas** Families almost always consent to donation when there is evidence a loved one registered their decision to donate, but in the absence of a registered donation decision, families consent only half of the time; and
- Whereas** Everyone has the potential to be an organ and/or tissue donor, regardless of age or health; one organ donor can save up to eight lives and enhance the lives of up to 75 others through tissue donation; and
- Therefore** I, Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of the City of Burlington do hereby proclaim  
**April 2023** as:

**“BeADonor Month”**

in the City of Burlington and I encourage all citizens to learn more about the organ and tissue donation and transplantation, and consider pledging their support to “BeADonor Month” by registering as a donor at [BeADonor.ca](http://BeADonor.ca)

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2023



**Mayor Marianne Meed Ward**

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