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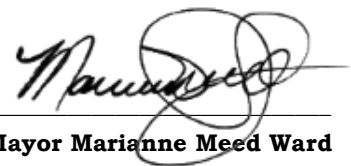
**PROCLAMATION**

- Whereas** Annual damages to Ontario’s underground infrastructure caused by excavation events number in excess of 4,500 per year. These events cause negative impacts to the Ontario public and our province’s economy; and
- Whereas** The Ontario Regional Common Ground Alliance (ORCGA), formed in 2003, whose purpose is to enhance public safety and utility infrastructure reliability through a unified approach to effective and efficient damage prevention, consists of some 500 plus members dedicated to this purpose, including Ontario1Call; and
- Whereas** The Canadian Common Ground Alliance (CCGA) and the ORCGA have worked collaboratively to produce the “Underground Infrastructure Damage Prevention – Best Practices” handbook to assist in reducing infrastructure damage associated with excavations; and
- Whereas** The ORCGA annually promotes many education events across its thirteen (13) Geographic Councils which cover all of Ontario, including the Dig Safe Kick-offs in April and “April is Dig Safe Month”, to raise awareness of the importance of proper excavation practices.
- Therefore** I, Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of the City of Burlington do hereby proclaim **April 2023** as:

**“Dig Safe Month”**

in the City of Burlington and do commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our municipality.

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



**Mayor Marianne Meed Ward**

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