



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

**PROCLAMATION**

- Whereas** aphasia was reported to most negatively impact quality of life, followed by Alzheimer's Disease and Cancer, as stated in research findings conducted by Lam and Wodchis (2010); and
- Whereas** approximately one in three individuals who have a stroke develop aphasia. It is estimated that approximately 165, 000 Canadians are living with this long term communication disorder; and
- Whereas** only 5% of the population possess basic knowledge of aphasia according to research reported by Patterson et al in 2015. This low number can result in individuals who live with aphasia feeling misunderstood and socially isolated; and
- Whereas** with increased awareness, patience and understanding we can build a community that is inviting and inclusive to those living with aphasia.
- Therefore** I, Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby proclaim **June 2022** as

***“Aphasia Awareness Month”***

I commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our municipality and encourage everyone to take advantage of the resources available to learn more about aphasia, engage in community events and to be patient with one another..

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023

  
**Mayor Marianne Meed Ward**

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