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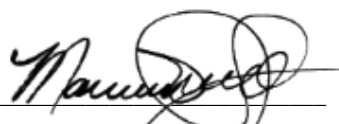
PROCLAMATION

- Whereas** Our country aspires to the principle of equal rights for all people, but the fulfillment of this promise has been long in coming for many citizens. Some of the most inspiring moments in history have arisen from various civil rights movements that have brought one group after another from the margins to the mainstream of society; and
- Whereas** In the movement toward equal rights for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Transsexual, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual and 2-Spirited (LGBTQIA2+) people, a historic turning point occurred on June 28, 1969, in New York City, with the onset of the Stonewall Riots. During these riots, LGBTQIA2S+ citizens rose and fought against the discriminatory criminal laws that have since been declared unconstitutional; and
- Whereas** Pride celebrations have taken place ever since every June to commemorate the beginning of the Stonewall Riots; and
- Whereas** Diversity in sexual and gender identity represents a positive contribution to society, and is therefore a matter for pride and celebration; and
- Whereas** LGBTQIA2S+ people are vital contributors to all and to their community; and
- Whereas** LGBTQIA2S+ people continue to face social intolerance and systemic barriers in these same communities; and
- Whereas** LGBTQIA2S+ people and allies work together to address and end these injustices, and to support healthy, strong, inclusive, and equitable communities.
- Therefore** I, Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of the City of Burlington do hereby proclaim **June 2023** as

“Pride Month”

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

Dated this 16th day of May 2023


Mayor Marianne Meed Ward


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