



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

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas** World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is observed on the second Saturday of May, during the peak of spring bird migration, with this year's theme being "Water: Sustaining Bird Life"; and
- Whereas** The City of Burlington and community partners work to keep our bay, creeks and wetlands clean and healthy, through such initiatives as the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan, the Citywide Community Litter Clean-up, and others; and
- Whereas** WMBD aims to celebrate birds and raise awareness of the arduous and risky natural phenomenon of annual bird migration, including the threats birds face due to human influences, and how people can help; and
- Whereas** Birds are a vital part of our local ecosystems and overall biodiversity; and
- Whereas** Birds are beneficial to us, providing plant pollination, seed dispersion, and insect control, while also providing an element of joy to the residents of our city; and
- Whereas** Burlington was certified by Nature Canada as a Bird Friendly City on April 7, 2022, thanks to the efforts of the City of Burlington and community, and the Bird Friendly Hamilton Burlington team.
- Therefore** I, Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby proclaim **May 13th, 2023** as

“World Migratory Bird Day”

and do commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our municipality.

Dated this 16th day of May 2023



Mayor Marianne Meed Ward

CITY OF
Burlington