



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

- Whereas** Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) has been recognized by the World Health Organization (2006), the United Nations (2008), Canadian Government (2017), and the Province of Ontario (2021) as a global public health priority; and
- Whereas** to raise awareness of SCD and promote global action, the 19th day of June has been designated as World Sickle Cell Day (WSCD) annually; and
- Whereas** the Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario (SCAGO) recognizes SCD as an increasingly important medical issue in the province; and
- Whereas** SCAGO is dedicated to reducing the stigma and discrimination faced by families with children, youth, and adults living with Sickle Cell Disease through education and awareness programs; and
- Whereas** I urge all residents to recognize and support efforts to raise awareness of Sickle Cell Disease and to support those affected by this disease; and
- Therefore** I, Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby proclaim **June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023** as

**“World Sickle Cell Day”**

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

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

  
**Mayor Marianne Meed Ward**

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