



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

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas** the International Decade for People of African Descent was proclaimed by General Assembly resolution 68/237 and to be observed from 2015 to 2024; and
- Whereas** In 2020, the United Nations General Assembly adopted by acclamation of a resolution presented by Costa Rica and that was co-sponsored by 52 countries, including Canada, to proclaim August 31 as the International Day For People Of African Descent; and
- Whereas** In response to this proclamation, we will be raising the Red, Black, and Green Liberation Flag also recognized as the Pan African Flag in honour of the proclamation; and
- Whereas** This 102-year-old flag founded by the UNIA-ACL, as the one flag, represents people of African descent all over the world; and
- Whereas** Burlington, Ontario being the first city in the world to acclaim August as Emancipation month in 2018 at their Halton Black History Awareness Society's Halton Freedom Celebration Festival.
- Therefore** I, Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby proclaim:

August as Emancipation Month

August 1st as Emancipation Day

August 31st as the International Day for People of African Descent

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

Dated this 11th day of July 2023



Mayor Marianne Meed Ward

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Burlington