



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

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas** Community support has been critical throughout the Arthritis Society Canada's 75-year history, enabling the organization to fulfill its mission to fight the fire of arthritis with cutting-edge research, bold innovation, fiery advocacy, and evidence-based information and patient-centered support; and
- Whereas** Arthritis is not *just* arthritis. Arthritis is serious. It causes debilitating pain, restricts mobility and diminishes quality of life. Six million Canadians – 1 in 5 – live every day with the fire of arthritis and there is no cure. Without a greater spotlight on this growing issue, the number of Canadians with arthritis will rise to nine million by 2040; and
- Whereas** During Arthritis Awareness Month this September, we seek to raise voices and awareness, and we are encouraging everyone who lives with arthritis – and all those who know and love them – to fight the fire of arthritis; and
- Whereas** The Arthritis Society Canada is a Canada's national charity dedicated to extinguishing arthritis for good.
- Therefore** I, Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of the City of Burlington do hereby proclaim **September 2023** as

“Arthritis Awareness”

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

Dated this 14th day of August 2023



Mayor Marianne Meed Ward

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Burlington