



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

PROCLAMATION

Whereas over 100,000 poor and/or orphaned children were emigrated from all areas of the UK to Canada between 1869 and 1940 and used as farm labour and domestic servants in our Canadian households. These children became known as British Home Children (BHC); and

Whereas there are an estimated four million BHC descendants living in Canada today, many of whom were settled in Halton and the surrounding areas and contributed greatly to the building of our city, including Spencer Smith Park; and


Whereas this year marks the 153rd anniversary of the first party of BHC to arrive on Canadian shores and cities across Canada and the UK will be participating in the "Beacons of Light for BHC and Child Migrants Tribute" on September 28th to honour the memory of the BHC and their descendants; and

Therefore I, Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of the City of Burlington do hereby proclaim **September 28th, 2023** as

"National British Home Children Day"

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

Dated this 14th day of September 2023



Mayor Marianne Meed Ward

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Burlington