



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

**PROCLAMATION**

**Whereas** the loss of one's freedom due to a wrongful conviction has far-reaching and devastating consequences which not only affects the innocent individual's life but also affects the quality of life of their families and has a harmful effect on society as a whole; and

**Whereas** wrongful convictions question the integrity and fairness of the criminal justice system and unless corrected undermines society's trust in their criminal justice system; and

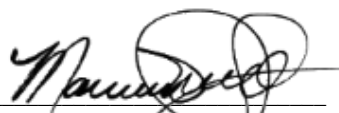
**Whereas** Wrongful Conviction Day is a global movement dedicated to advocating for innocent individuals who have been wrongly convicted of a crime they did not commit. The implementation and recognition of this day is the start to reaching a broader audience regarding the importance surrounding miscarriages of justice. By proclaiming to assist to advocate, educate, and create awareness around those miscarriages of justice in hope for reform to minimize the effect it could have on another individual.

**Therefore** I, Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of the City of Burlington do hereby proclaim **October 2, 2023** as

***“Wrongful Conviction Day”***

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

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023

  
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**Mayor Marianne Meed Ward**

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