



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


PROCLAMATION

- Whereas** the first International Day of Persons with Disabilities was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1992; and
- Whereas** International Day of Persons with Disabilities celebrates the achievements and contributions of persons with disabilities and raises awareness of the barriers yet to be overcome. There are 1 billion people, or fifteen per cent of the world's population, living with a disability; and
- Whereas** barriers can take a variety of forms and include the physical environment, information and communications, legislation or policy and societal attitudes and discrimination. When barriers to their inclusion are removed, people with disabilities are empowered to participate fully in the political, social, economic and cultural life which benefits the entire community; and
- Whereas** the observance of the Day is an opportunity for the city of Burlington to make a renewed commitment to the fundamental principle that people living with a disability are entitled to the same rights as everyone else, in support to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and
- Whereas** the theme for 2023 is: "The Role of Innovation in Fueling an Accessible and Equitable World."
- Therefore** I, Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of the City of Burlington do hereby proclaim **December 3rd, 2023** as

"International Day of Persons with Disabilities"

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

Dated this 14th day of November 2023


Mayor Marianne Meed Ward

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Burlington