



PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

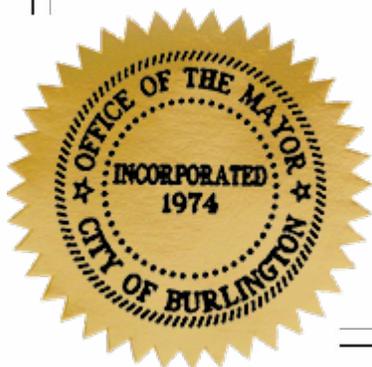
Whereas the observance of this day is an opportunity for the City of Burlington to make a renewed commitment to the fundamental principle that people living with a disability are entitled to the same rights as everyone else, in support of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and

Whereas the theme for 2025 is "Fostering disability inclusive societies for advancing social progress".

Therefore I, Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby proclaim **December 3rd, 2025** as

"International Day of Persons with Disabilities"

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



Mayor Marianne Meed Ward

Dated this 18th day of November 2025

