



PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

- Whereas** the City of Burlington values equity and inclusion and is home to many diverse communities that contribute to its cultural richness; and
- Whereas** Indigenous, Black, and People of Colour, including Dalit communities, continue to face systemic racism, discrimination, and injustice, and the City of Burlington remains committed to addressing all forms of racism, in alignment with the Ontario Human Rights Commission's recognition of caste as a form of discrimination; and
- Whereas** Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar, born on April 14, 1891, in India, was a visionary leader and social reformer, widely recognized as the "Father of the Indian Constitution", a feminist who dedicated his life to advancing equality, justice, and the rights of Dalit communities; and
- Whereas** Dr. Ambedkar's fight against caste-based discrimination and his contributions to social justice continue to inspire people in Burlington; and
- Whereas** Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Day of Equity (Ambedkar Jayanthi) is an opportunity to honour his legacy, reflect on his commitment to human rights, and reaffirm our shared commitment to inclusion & belonging;
- Therefore** I, Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of the City of Burlington do hereby proclaim **April 14, 2026** as

"Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Day for Equity"

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

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward

Dated this 23rd day of April 2026

