



PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Whereas the City of Burlington is home to a vibrant and diverse community, enriched by the cultures, histories, and contributions of its people; and

Whereas Indigenous, Black, and People of Colour, including Dalit and caste-oppressed communities, continue to face systemic racism, discrimination, and injustice, and the City of Burlington remains committed to advancing equity, inclusion, and human rights, in alignment with the Ontario Human Rights Commission's recognition of caste-based discrimination; and

Whereas April holds deep significance for Dalit communities worldwide, marking the birth and legacy of visionary social reformers such as Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar, Jyotirao Phule, and Sant Ram Udasi, whose activism has been instrumental in the fight against caste-based oppression and for social justice; and

Whereas the City of Burlington recognizes the resilience, strength, and advocacy of the Dalit community in challenging systemic barriers and striving for a more just and equitable society for all.

Therefore I, Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of the City of Burlington do hereby proclaim **April 2026** as

“Dalit History Month”

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

