



PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

- Whereas** the friendship that the people of Burlington and Canada share with the Netherlands has a rich and enduring history, dating back in particular to harbouring the Dutch Royal Family and the birth of HRH Princess Margriet in Ottawa during World War II and the subsequent liberation of the Netherlands by Canadian troops on May 5, 1945; and
- Whereas** the spirit of friendship will be celebrated each year in Burlington during the Canada-Netherlands Friendship Day festivities, an event that is very much a tribute to Canada's ongoing ties with the Netherlands; and
- Whereas** in a city built upon the hard work and character of people from all over the world, Burlingtonians of Dutch descent have prospered and given of themselves in every facet of city life and continue to make a unique contribution to the quality and spirit of our city; and
- Whereas** on the 6th day of May 2005, the City of Burlington and the City of Apeldoorn jointly declared their intentions to join as twin cities to create official bonds of friendship through a formal relationship.
- Therefore** I, Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of the City of Burlington do hereby proclaim **May 5th, 2026** as

“Canada-Netherlands Friendship Day”

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

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward

Dated this 21st day of April 2026

