



PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Whereas World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is observed on the second Saturday of May, during the peak of spring bird migration, with this year's theme being: "Every Bird Counts – Your Observations Matter", highlighting the important role of community participation in bird conservation; and

Whereas Burlington has a very active and knowledgeable community of bird enthusiasts acting as "citizen scientists", regularly reporting their bird observation data online; and

Whereas WMBD aims to celebrate birds and raise awareness of annual bird migration, including the threats birds face due to human influences, and how people can help; and

Whereas Birds are a vital part of our local ecosystems and benefit us in many ways, while also providing an element of joy to the residents of our city; and

Whereas Burlington was certified by Nature Canada as a Bird Friendly City on April 7, 2022, thanks to the efforts of the City of Burlington and community, and the Bird Friendly Hamilton Burlington team, with work ongoing;

Therefore I, Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of the City of Burlington do hereby proclaim **May 9, 2026** as

“World Migratory Bird Day”

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

Myor Marianne Meed Ward

Dated this 24th day of March 2026

