



**The Corporation of the City of Burlington
Office of the Mayor**

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas** Huntington disease (HD) is a hereditary, neurodegenerative illness with physical, cognitive, and emotional symptoms for which there is no cure; and
- Whereas** one in every 7,000 Canadians has HD and approximately one in every 5,500 is at-risk for developing the disease, many more are touched by HD as a caregiver, family member, or friend; and
- Whereas** HD causes cells in specific parts of the brain to die. The disease leads to incapacitation and, eventually death. It is likened to experiencing the symptoms of ALS, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, and schizophrenia all in one disease; and
- Whereas** Huntington disease Awareness Month reflects the Huntington Society of Canada's (HSC) mission, which is to aspire to a world free from HD. HSC celebrates the resilience and hope demonstrated by the HD community. HSC aims to maximize the quality of life of people living with HD by delivering support services, enabling others to understand the disease, and supporting further breakthroughs in research to find treatments that address the root cause of HD; and
- Whereas** HSC works with health and social services professionals to enable them to better serve people living with HD.
- Therefore** I, Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of the City of Burlington do hereby proclaim **May 2026** as

"Huntington Disease Awareness Month"

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

Dated this 14th day of May 2026

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward

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