



PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Whereas the Legislative Assembly of Ontario introduced Bill 18 on December 9, 2021 to establish the month of May as Polish Heritage Month in recognition of the great impact Polish Canadians have had on Ontario's history, culture, and community; and

Whereas Ontario is home to over half a million people with Polish heritage, making the Polish community one of the largest groups in Ontario; and

Whereas Canadians of Polish heritage have participated in building Canada for generations, and have enriched its culture and heritage, becoming an integral part of Canadian's multicultural community; and

Whereas Polish Heritage Month is celebrated each May, commemorating Constitution Day in Poland, and the implementation of the first democratic and progressive constitution in Europe on May 3, 1791; and

Whereas May 3rd is an important date in Poland's history, as it marks the centuries long struggle for freedom and independence by the Polish people, and May 2nd marks the Day of the Flag of the Republic of Poland and the Day of the Polish Diaspora and Poles Abroad; and

Whereas Polish Heritage Month is an opportunity to bring residents of Burlington of all ages and backgrounds together to celebrate Polish history and traditions.

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

“Polish Heritage Month”

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

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward

Dated this 8th day of April 2026

