



PROCLAMATION

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Whereas aphasia was reported to most negatively impact quality of life, followed by Alzheimer's Disease and Cancer, as stated in research findings conducted by Lam and Wodchis (2010); and

Whereas approximately one in three individuals who have a stroke develop aphasia. It is estimated that over 165, 000 Canadians are living with this long term communication disorder; and

Whereas only 5% of the population possess basic knowledge of aphasia according to research reported by Patterson et al in 2015. This low number can result in individuals who live with aphasia feeling misunderstood and socially isolated; and

Whereas with increased awareness, patience and understanding we can build a community that is inviting and inclusive to those living with aphasia.

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

“Aphasia Awareness Month”

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

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward

Dated this 12th day of May 2026

