



PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Whereas our country aspires to the principle of equal rights for all people, but the fulfillment of this promise has been long in coming for many citizens. Some of the most inspiring moments in history have arisen from various civil rights movements that have brought one group after another from the margins to the mainstream of society; and

Whereas in the movement toward equal rights for Two Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Queer (2SLGBTQ+) people, a historic turning point occurred on June 28, 1969, in New York City, with the onset of the Stonewall Riots. During these riots, 2SLGBTQ+ citizens rose and fought against the discriminatory criminal laws that have since been declared unconstitutional; and

Whereas Pride celebrations have taken place ever since every June to commemorate the beginning of the Stonewall Riots; and

Whereas Diversity in sexual and gender identity represents a positive contribution to society, and is therefore a matter of pride and celebration; and

Whereas 2SLGBTQ+ people are vital contributors to all and to their community; and

Whereas 2SLGBTQ+ people continue to face social intolerance and systemic barriers in these same communities; and

Whereas 2SLGBTQ+ people and allies work together to address and end these injustices, and to support healthy, strong, inclusive, and equitable communities.

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

“Pride Month”

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

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward

Dated this 14th day of May 2026

