



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

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas** the proclamation to celebrate Black Music and its influences on our city's culture was first initiated in 2020 at the request of BLing Events International Entertainment/Black African Caribbean Canadian Artists Unite (BEI-BACCAU), a local non-profit organization; and
- Whereas** Black Performance Artists and Black musicians play an important role in shaping the local music arts and cultural scene, and we encourage all local Black musical performing artists, musicians and Black event curators of all ages and stages of their musical journey to continue to innovate, participate and create while living in our city; and
- Whereas** the rich and varied music and culture, derived from various countries and cultures throughout Africa, as well as the music genres of the Black African diaspora includes Caribbean, Latin, Brazilian and Black African American music; and
- Whereas** Canada is a diverse, multicultural country it is undeniable that Black music has an important influence in Canadian Music and the music created, produced, or inspired by Black people of African descent is the music that many of us enjoy on a daily basis; and
- Whereas** by continuing to promote awareness and inclusion of Black Artists in Burlington events; by striving to provide accessible and affordable spaces, venues and paid performance opportunities to Black musical artists in local venues, it allows for opportunities for the continued growth of the Canadian Black music industry; and
- Whereas** in celebrating Black Music Month 2026 we are acknowledging and recognizing the achievements of all local Black musicians, Black Singers, Black DJs'/Black Music Selectors, Black music creators as well as Black music event curators and promoters in the City of Burlington and beyond; and
- Whereas** we also acknowledge that Anti-Black racism and systemic racism exists in our country, city, and community and we pledge to do everything we can to confront and address these issues; and continue our ongoing commitments to confronting Anti-Black Systemic racism in all its forms within the City of Burlington, throughout the entire year.
- Therefore** I, Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of the City of Burlington do hereby proclaim **June 2026** as

“Black Music Month”

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

Dated this 1st day of April 2026


Mayor Marianne Meed Ward


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Burlington

