



PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Whereas the mission of the Lifesaving Society Canada is to prevent drowning throughout this great country, and even one drowning in Burlington is too many; and

Whereas most drownings are preventable in a Water Smart community, and only through Water Smart education and a healthy respect for the potential danger that any body of water may present can we genuinely enjoy the beauty and recreation opportunities offered by these bodies of water; and

Whereas The Lifesaving Society urges Canadians and residents of Burlington to supervise children who are in and around water, to refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages while participating in aquatic activities, and to always wear a lifejacket when boating; and

Whereas The Lifesaving Society Canada has declared July 19th to 25th National Drowning Prevention Week to focus on the drowning problem and the hundreds of lives that could be saved this year; and

Whereas the United Nations adopted a resolution on drowning prevention on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 where Canada was a co-sponsor of the resolution.

Therefore I, Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of the City of Burlington do hereby proclaim **July 19th – 25th, 2026** as

“National Drowning Prevention Week”

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

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward

Dated this 21st day of May 2026

