



# PROCLAMATION

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

**Whereas** Canada is a diverse, multicultural country, and it is undeniable that the presence and contributions of Black African & Caribbean Canadians have had an influence on Canada's economic and social growth with a lasting impact on Canadian culture; and

**Whereas** Black African & Caribbean Canadian Appreciation Month was initiated in 2020 by BLing Events International Entertainment, a Burlington based not-for-profit organization creating opportunities, music programs, and events within the Halton Region to promote and produce authentic and inclusive music, arts activities and civic engagement, to encourage representation of the Black African Caribbean Canadian community and creative multicultural youth in Burlington and throughout Halton region; and

**Whereas** Black African & Caribbean Canadians play an important role in shaping the local infrastructure, and are a vital part of the economic, social and cultural landscape of Burlington and Halton region; and

**Whereas** we encourage all local Black African & Caribbean Canadians and residents of Burlington to continue to reside, work, innovate, participate and create while living in our city; and

**Whereas** we recognize and acknowledge the rich and diverse cultures of the Black, African and Afro-Caribbean Canadian community in Burlington, and strive to provide inclusive and welcoming city where all residents can live, work, thrive and grow their family roots in Burlington which will have a positive impact on all generations of Black & Caribbean Canadians in Halton region.

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

### ***"Black African & Caribbean-Canadian Appreciation Month"***

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

**Mayor Marianne Meed Ward**

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026

