



PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

- Whereas** the Gift of Giving Back, founded in 2005, is an opportunity to inspire, support, educate and empower children through local minor athletics associations and school systems to compassionately give back to the communities; and
- Whereas** the Gift of Giving Back is the largest community food drive of its kind in Canada, with more than 5 million pounds of food raised and a direct community benefit of more than \$14 million in support of Halton, Oakville, and Burlington communities since its inception; and
- Whereas** together with partners, associations and volunteers, the Gift of Giving Back is making a real difference in the lives of those less fortunate in our community; and
- Whereas** this year marks the 21st Anniversary of the Gift of Giving Back and the annual fall campaign, supporting ten member agencies across Halton.
- Therefore** I, Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of the City of Burlington do hereby proclaim September 2026 as

“The Gift of Giving Back Month”

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

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward

Dated this 11th day of August 2026

