



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

Whereas the human body is fueled by trillions of microscopic powerhouses called mitochondria. Present in almost every cell in our bodies, these tiny but mighty, energy-producing structures generate the energy we need to survive. When there is dysfunction with these important structures in one or more parts of our bodies, we see Mitochondrial Diseases appear; and

Whereas there are hundreds of mitochondrial diseases, and because mito is very hard to diagnose, many people don't realize that they have these diseases. There is a strong need for more mitochondrial disease research to support those living with and caring for a loved one with mito, and for clinicians to be able to diagnose and treat Canadians living with mito; and

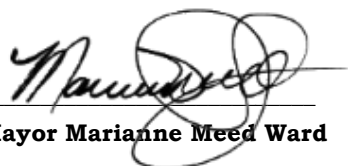
Whereas September is Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Month (MDAM). This milestone reflects the incredible commitment of the mitoCommunity, who have spent years raising awareness, sharing their stories and building momentum across Canada. The initiative helps to raise awareness for mitochondrial diseases in Canada, and across the globe, which can be crucial for the development of treatments, research on the disease, and providing support to those living with Mito.

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

“Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Month”

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

Dated this 25th day of August 2026


Mayor Marianne Meed Ward

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