



PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Whereas sepsis is a life-threatening medical emergency caused by the body's extreme response to an infection and affects Canadians of all ages each year; and

Whereas early recognition and timely treatment of sepsis are critical to improving survival, reducing long-term complications, and reducing the burden on individuals, families, and the healthcare system; and

Whereas awareness of the signs of sepsis is essential to saving lives, and the acronym TIME encourages recognition of key warning signs: Temperature, Infection, Mental decline, and Extremely ill, and the need to seek emergency medical care immediately; and

Whereas World Sepsis Day, observed on September 13th, serves as an opportunity to raise awareness and educate the public, healthcare professionals, and policymakers about sepsis, to promote prevention, early recognition, and timely treatment, and to recognize the lasting physical, cognitive, and psychological effects many survivors experience; and

Therefore I, Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of the City of Burlington do hereby proclaim **September 13, 2026** as

“World Sepsis Day”

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

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward

Dated this 17th day of July 2026

