



PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

- Whereas** between 1 and 3 per cent of adults stutter and it is estimated that nearly 70 million people globally stutter. Stuttering is a common communication difference experienced by people of all ages and backgrounds; and
- Whereas** hundreds of thousands of Canadians stutter, and people who stutter make valuable contributions to families, schools, workplaces, communities, and Canadian society; and
- Whereas** people who stutter may experience stigma, misunderstanding, discrimination, and barriers to full participation in society. Awareness, education, patience, and respectful listening can help foster greater understanding and acceptance of stuttering; and
- Whereas** everyone deserves to communicate, participate, and have their voice heard without being judged or pressured to hide the way they speak; and
- Whereas** International Stuttering Awareness Day provides an opportunity for communities to learn about stuttering, celebrate people who stutter, challenge misconceptions, and promote inclusion and accessibility.
- Therefore** I, Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of the City of Burlington do hereby proclaim **October 22, 2026** as

“International Stuttering Awareness Day”

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

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward

Dated this 8th day of September 2026

