

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, crime in the City of Burlington leaves a lasting effect on victims, as well as on our collective society; and

WHEREAS, it is known that victims need many levels of support to recover and that addressing victims' needs prevents future victimization, saves money, and improves health and other outcomes; and

WHEREAS, through the telling of their stories and the aggregation of their experiences, we know that we can build and re-design systems to better serve victims and prevent crime; and

WHEREAS, being the first of its kind, the Burlington Parallel Justice Commission has faithfully provided leadership and systemic advocacy to advance the rights of all victims in Burlington since it was established in 2007; and

WHEREAS, it has provided a forum for victims to tell their stories, and the Commission has responded to the unique needs of victims by working collaboratively and strategically through its broad partnership of state and local stakeholders to dismantle barriers for victims who have come forward to speak and for the ones whose stories have been represented by advocates; and

WHEREAS, in addressing the systemic barriers victims face to obtaining assistance and safety, the Commission has built on strengths in the community of Burlington; and

WHEREAS, the safety for the City of Burlington and Chittenden County will be enhanced by the Burlington Parallel Justice Commission's efforts; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby commend the Parallel Justice Commission for its service to the City of Burlington and the public safety of its citizens and visitors.


Miro Weinberger, Mayor

