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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE
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PROCLAMATION

I, JEFF LEHMAN, Mayor of the City of BARRIE,

do hereby proclaim the month of

October 2020

as

International Dyslexia Awareness Month

- WHEREAS;** Dyslexia affects 15-20% of Canadians. One in 5 children in every classroom has dyslexia. This lifelong disability makes it difficult to read, write and spell. Dyslexia is a hereditary, lifelong condition that can be managed with proper identification and specific instruction. Children that receive the right supports can thrive along with their peers; and
- WHEREAS;** We recognize all those with dyslexia and commend these individuals for their tremendous resiliency, creativity, and perseverance. Let us shine a light on the children in our classrooms who need our help. Let us applaud all those with dyslexia whom have contributed greatly to our society; and
- WHEREAS;** This month, we acknowledge Dyslexia Canada for their third annual campaign "Mark it Read for Dyslexia" so that we can shine a red light in recognition of International Dyslexia Awareness Month. Dyslexia Canada is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to change for children with dyslexia in Canada. Their mission is to establish legislation in each Canadian province, specific to recognizing and remediating dyslexia in our public schools. They will achieve this in partnership with others including the Ontario Branch of The International Dyslexia Association (OBIDA) and Decoding Dyslexia. Together, we can ensure that all Canadian children with dyslexia can learn to read; and
- WHEREAS;** This month, we are thankful for all those whom are dedicated to bringing awareness to dyslexia, and to promoting lasting change, so that every individual with dyslexia is valued for their gifts, talents and included in all aspects community life.
- THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim the month of **October 2020** to be "**International Dyslexia Awareness Month**" in the City of Barrie.




Jeff Lehman
Mayor