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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

June 30, 2017

as

Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita Awareness Day

- WHEREAS;** Arthrogryposis is defined as multiple congenital joint contractures which is when multiple joints are stuck in one position and have very little flexibility; and
- WHEREAS;** Arthrogryposis is an umbrella diagnosis with many syndromes and subtypes and occurs in 1 in 3000 live births; there are currently 400 identified types such as amyoplasia, distal and multiple pterygium/Escobar syndrome; and
- WHEREAS;** The different types of arthrogryposis include amyoplasia (a non-genetic type), which is due to the muscles failing to develop; and multiple pterygium/Escobar syndrome (a genetic type) which occurs when the messages that impact a person's muscle movement are affected; and
- WHEREAS;** Individuals with arthrogryposis require stretching, various therapies (physical, occupational, speech and other) and some surgical intervention that can help improve their independence and quality of life; and
- WHEREAS;** On June 30th families across the world will be wearing the color Blue to honor those affected by arthrogryposis and increase awareness and expand knowledge of arthrogryposis and its impact on the person's quality of life will allow the community at large to better support people who struggle with the challenges of this disorder.

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Jeff Lehman, do hereby proclaim **June 30, 2017** as "**Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita Awareness Day**" in the City of Barrie.



Jeff Lehman
Mayor