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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 2017

as

Child Abuse Awareness Month

- WHEREAS;** Child Abuse Awareness Month is a month focused on bringing attention to all children and teens who have faced or continue to face any form of abuse in their lives, this includes physical and emotional at home, on line or in public places and includes bullying; and
- WHEREAS;** More than a third of Canadians have suffered some kind of child abuse in their lives and that abuse has a strong correlation with mental disorders, according to a new national study touted to be the first of its kind in Canada; and
- WHEREAS;** A study, published in April 2014 in the Canadian Medical Association Journal, found that 32% of Canadians had experienced physical abuse, sexual abuse, exposure to intimate partner violence or a combination of these while they were young; and
- WHEREAS;** The citizens of Barrie are encouraged to help raise awareness of this growing issue; to contact appropriate authorities if there are signs of abuse; to work with your schools to address bullying issues; and to speak openly of issues in society; and
- WHEREAS;** Guardians of the Children, Barrie Chapter, work to achieve their mission to recognize and react to child abuse and educate the public to do the same; to serve as advocates to provide strength and stability to families in crisis; and be an answer to the prayer of an abused child or teen for courage, support and protection.
- THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **October 2017** to be **"Child Abuse Awareness Month"** and encourage all citizens of Barrie to learn more about Guardians of the Children Barrie and other organizations in their work on behalf of children and teens that face abuse.



Jeff Lehman
Mayor