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# PROCLAMATION

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

do hereby proclaim

**October 8, 2017 – October 14, 2017**

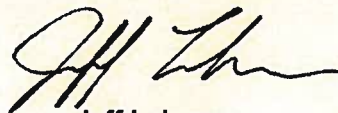
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## Fire Prevention Week

- WHEREAS;** The City of Barrie is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Barrie; and
- WHEREAS;** Fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are where people are at greatest risk from fire. Fires in homes killed more than 88 people in Ontario, in 2016 according to the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (OFMEM) and fire departments in Ontario responded to 5215 home fires in 2015; and
- WHEREAS;** Many of today's products and furnishings produce toxic gases and smoke when burned, making it impossible to see and breathe within moments. These conditions contribute to a much smaller window of time for people to escape a home fire safely, with people having as little as one to two minutes to escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds; and
- WHEREAS;** A home fire escape plan provides the skill set and know-how to quickly and safely escape a home fire situation and includes two exits from every room in the home; a path to the outside from each exit; smoke alarms in all required locations; and a meeting place outside where everyone in the home will meet upon exiting. Practicing a home fire escape plan twice a year ensures that everyone in the household knows what to do in a real fire situation; and
- WHEREAS;** Barrie's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and
- WHEREAS;** The 2017 Fire Prevention Week theme, "**Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!**" effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of developing a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it twice a year.

**THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim the week of **October 8 to October 14, 2017** as "**Fire Prevention Week**" in the City of Barrie and encourage residents develop and practice a home fire escape plan and to participate in the many public safety activities and efforts of Barrie Fire and Emergency Service during Fire Prevention Week 2017.



  
Jeff Lehman,  
Mayor