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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

November 16, 2017

as

Children's Grief Awareness Day

- WHEREAS;** Children's Grief Awareness Day began in 2008, and is held on the third Thursday in November, in order to help others understand the impact of death on children and their need for support, and to provide ways for caring adults and young people to show their support and solidarity for grieving children; and
- WHEREAS;** This is a day focused on bringing to mind the children all around us who have experienced the death of a loved one - children who typically feel very alone in the journey of grief they travel, and this day is an opportunity to let grieving children know that they're not forgotten in the midst of their grief; and
- WHEREAS;** The unresolved grief of children and teens may lead to depression, hopelessness and other mental health issues, including anxiety disorders and substance abuse; and
- WHEREAS;** Simple ways to participate are to engage in activities that raise the awareness of the needs of grieving children and people are encouraged to wear blue on that day as a symbol of support for these children.
- THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **November 16, 2017** as "Children's Grief Awareness Day" in the City of Barrie.



Jeff Lehman,
Mayor