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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

February 6, 2020

as

International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation

- WHEREAS;** International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is observed around the world and provides an opportunity to honour those women, girls, boys and men who are actively and courageously working towards an end to this harmful practice; and
- WHEREAS;** This day invites all to reflect on the fact that 3.9 million girls are still at risk of mutilation each year. This is an issue on every continent except Antarctica, and there are 200 million FGM survivors in the world, including thousands in Canada; and
- WHEREAS;** FGM has no basis in any religious text and is recognized by the United Nations and other world bodies as child abuse and an abuse of a girl's fundamental human rights. FGM has no benefits and causes only harm, including death, difficulties with urination, menstruation, sexual intimacy, post-traumatic stress disorder and increased maternal and child mortality. All national and international efforts being made are acknowledged and celebrated, especially at the grass roots level, to achieve United Nations Sustainable Millennium Development Goal #5, which calls for the elimination of FGM and other harmful traditional practices by 2030; and
- WHEREAS;** On this Day of Zero Tolerance, End FGM Canada Network calls for increased, concerted global and Canadian action to end female genital mutilation, and ask all governments to uphold the human rights of women and girls so they can live a life free from the violence that is female genital mutilation.

THEREFORE, I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **February 6, 2020** to be "International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation."



Jeff Lehman
Mayor