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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 27, 2020

as

National HIV Testing Day

- WHEREAS;** It is estimated that more than 70,000 Canadians are living with HIV and the number is increasing annually; and
- WHEREAS;** An estimated 14% of people living with HIV in Canada are unaware they are positive and remain undiagnosed; and
- WHEREAS;** In Canada, racialized communities are disproportionately affected by HIV. Indigenous people make up 4.9% of the total Canadian population but represent 11.3% of new infections and people from African, Caribbean and Black communities make up 3.5% of the Canadian population but represent 16% of Canadians living with HIV; and
- WHEREAS;** The stigma smashing message and movement of **U=U, Undetectable equals Untransmittable**, is backed by indisputable scientific evidence that people living with HIV who have an undetectable viral load and take their medications as prescribed, **cannot** transmit the virus to their HIV negative partners.
- THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **June 27, 2020** to be "**National HIV Testing Day**," and encourage everyone to increase their awareness regarding the impact of HIV and the need to make regular and routine testing a part of everyone's health care regimen. We must work together to increase access to testing, treatment and care for **ALL** to end the spread of this disease and the stigma associated with it, locally and globally.



Jeff Lehman
Mayor