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## THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE Mayor's Office

## 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

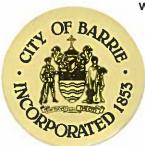
**Untransmittable**, is backed by indisputable scientific evidence that people living with HIV who have an undetectable viral load and take their medications as prescribed,

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