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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

October 4, 2020 – October 10, 2020

as

Fire Prevention Week

WHEREAS; The City of Barrie, Ontario is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Barrie and fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS; Homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire. Home fires have killed more than 68 people in Ontario so far this year, an average of almost 10 per month, according to the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management. Cooking is the leading cause of home fires in Ontario. People are spending more time than ever at home and cooking more often rather than dining out because of COVID-19 restrictions. Two of every five home fires start in the kitchen with 31% of these fires resulting from unattended cooking and more than half of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves. Children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than being burned in a cooking fire. Barrie's residents should stay in the kitchen when using the stovetop, keep a one-metre kid-free zone around cooking areas and keep anything that can catch fire away from stove tops; and

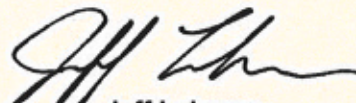
WHEREAS; Residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS; Barrie's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and public education. Barrie's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS; The 2020 Fire Prevention Week theme™, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!!" effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

THEREFORE, I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim the week of **October 4 to October 10, 2020** as "**Fire Prevention Week**" and I urge all the people of Barrie to check their kitchens for fire hazards and use safe cooking practices during Fire Prevention Week 2020, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Barrie Fire and Emergency Service.




Jeff Lehman,
Mayor