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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE Mayor's Office

PROCLAMATION

I, Alex Nuttall, Mayor of the City of BARRIE,

do hereby proclaim

May 2024

as

National Celiac Awareness Month

- WHEREAS; Celiac Disease is a serious autoimmune disease that occurs where the ingestion of gluten – a protein found in wheat, rye, and barley – triggers an immune system reaction that damages the lining of the small intestine; and
- WHEREAS; There is no cure for Celiac Disease, and the only treatment is a strict gluten-free diet for life; and
- WHEREAS; Untreated Celiac Disease can lead to the development of other autoimmune diseases such as Type 1 Diabetes and Multiple Sclerosis, as well as other conditions including anemia, infertility and miscarriage, epilepsy, heart disease, and gastrointestinal cancers; and
- **WHEREAS;** Celiac Canada offers information and support networks for people living with Celiac Disease in Ontario and across Canada; and
- THEREFORE, I, Alex Nuttall, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim May 2024 as "National Celiac Awareness Month" in the City of Barrie.

Álex Nuttall Mayor