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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

December 3, 2020

as

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

- WHEREAS;** The annual observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities was proclaimed in 1992 by the United Nations General Assembly; and
- WHEREAS;** We recognize the strides persons with disabilities have made in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life, and work to raise awareness of the struggles yet to be overcome. The annual observance of the Day is an opportunity for the City of Barrie to make a renewed commitment to the principles of dignity and justice for all, in support of the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and
- WHEREAS;** The City of Barrie Council adopts each year the City's Accessibility Plan under the Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act; and
- WHEREAS;** The City's Accessibility Advisory Committee advises on the development of this plan, which works to support the UN's 2020 theme for International Day of Persons with Disabilities: 'Not all Disabilities are Visible' which focuses on spreading awareness and understanding of disabilities that are not immediately apparent, such as mental illness, chronic pain or fatigue, sight or hearing impairments, diabetes, brain injuries, neurological disorders, learning differences and cognitive dysfunctions, among others.
- THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **December 3, 2020** as "International Day of Persons with Disabilities."



Jeff Lehman,
Mayor