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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

**March 2021**

as

## **#ITSTARTS Month**

- WHEREAS;** Inclusion, acceptance, and equity are important approaches to the diversity of residents living in any community, especially in our growing and changing City; and
- WHEREAS;** March 21 is recognized as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; and
- WHEREAS;** The Simcoe County Local Immigration Partnership (SCLIP) is a community partnership focused on the development of settlement strategies for newcomers. These strategies bring together and support service delivery to newcomers in Simcoe County while promoting positive relationships, opportunity, and the use of local resources effectively; and
- WHEREAS;** This month presents an opportunity to further the resolve as we pause to celebrate the diversity of the human race rather than allow our dissimilarities to become a reason for racial separation; and
- WHEREAS;** We encourage all to celebrate the differences in each other such as race, culture, colour, national origin, gender, age, disability and religion. During this month, the SCLIP will be hosting an awareness campaign and encouraging residents to take a stand and support **#ITSTARTS** to share their commitment to embracing acceptance, anti-racism and diversity.
- THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **March 2021** as "**#ITSTARTS Month**" and encourage all to learn more about and participate in the **#ITSTARTS** campaign.



Jeff Lehman,  
Mayor