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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

April 2021

as

Dig Safe Month

- WHEREAS;** Annual damages to Ontario's underground infrastructure caused by excavation events number in excess of 4,500 per year. These events cause negative impacts to the Ontario public and our province's economy; and
- WHEREAS;** The Ontario Regional Common Ground Alliance (ORCGA), formed in 2003, whose purpose is to enhance public safety and utility infrastructure reliability through a unified approach to effective and efficient damage prevention, consists of some 530 members dedicated to this purpose, including Ontario1Call; and
- WHEREAS;** The Canadian Common Ground Alliance (CCGA) and the ORCGA have worked collaboratively to produce the "Underground Infrastructure Damage Prevention – Best Practices" handbook to assist in reducing infrastructure damage associated with excavations; and
- WHEREAS;** The ORCGA annually promotes many educational events across its thirteen (13) Geographic Councils which cover all of Ontario, including the Dig Safe Kick-Offs in April and "April is Dig Safe Month", to raise awareness of the importance of proper excavation practices.
- THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim the month of **April 2021** to be "**Dig Safe Month**" in the City of Barrie.




Jeff Lehman,
Mayor