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PROCLAMATION

I, JEFF LEHMAN, Mayor of the City of BARRIE,

do hereby proclaim

May 17, 2021

as

International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia

- WHEREAS;** The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia is recognized annually on May 17th to draw attention to the 2SLGBTQI+ community and the fear and hatred that is often directed at its members; and
- WHEREAS;** By all coming together on one global day, our "noise" will be so loud that people all over the world who cannot speak up will hear the sound of hope and solidarity. There is still work to be done and more bridges to cross so our voices can all be heard before we have true equality and remove hate from our world; and
- WHEREAS;** The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia flag will be flown demonstrating that we embrace diversity and value the 2SLGBTQI+ community, and that homophobia, transphobia and biphobia are not welcome; and
- WHEREAS;** Even though we wear our masks against this virus, we stand in solidarity in healing;
- WHEREAS;** The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia is a day to continue our collective journey towards societies that ensure justice and protection for all, It is a day to speak out against the phobias affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-spirit, intersex communities and all people with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions or sex characteristics. In a fair and just world, no one shall be left behind.
- THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **May 17, 2021** to be "**International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia.**"



Jeff Lehman
Mayor