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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

June 2021

as

Deafblind Awareness Month

- WHEREAS;** On December 21, 2000, the Ontario Legislature officially proclaimed the month of June in each year as Deaf-Blind Awareness Month, to recognize that "Deafblindness is a unique disability that incorporates the sensory loss of both sight and hearing" and was created to help "recognize that increased public awareness of this disability is crucial to increase opportunities for those who live with it"; and
- WHEREAS;** More recently, the Canadian Senate passed a motion on May 28, 2015 also recognizing June as Deafblind Awareness Month across Canada. This motion helps "to promote public awareness of deafblind issues and to recognize the contribution of Canadians who are deafblind"; and
- WHEREAS;** June is also the birth month of Helen Keller, an internationally recognized person who lived with deafblindness; and
- WHEREAS;** Individuals who are deafblind can live full, independent, meaningful lives with the right support and resources in place.
- WHEREAS;** The Canadian Helen Keller Centre helps to support deafblind individuals enhance their overall quality of life by providing specialized services. To learn more about their services and the charitable organization please visit www.chkc.org.
- THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **June 2021** as "Deafblind Awareness Month."



Jeff Lehman,
Mayor