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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 15, 2021**

as

## World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

- WHEREAS;** The City of Barrie's seniors are valued, contributing members of society, imparting a wealth of experience and wisdom in our communities. They deserve to be treated with respect and dignity. It is our collective responsibility to ensure they live safely and fully engaged within the community that cares about them; and
- WHEREAS;** The International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action, proclaimed this day to recognize the significance of elder abuse as both a public health and human rights issue. 2021 marks the 16th Anniversary of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Its recognition will foster a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults; and
- WHEREAS;** Elder abuse is not limited to race, gender, culture, or circumstance, and regardless of whether the abuse is physical, emotional, or financial, it has a significant impact on the lives of individuals and families; and
- WHEREAS;** Seniors are at risk of being abused and social isolation and ageism are contributing risk factors in Ontario. We recognize the importance of taking action, to create social change, that prevents elder abuse and raises awareness, through education of neighbours, friends and family members about the Rights of older adults. Preventing abuse of older adults will help improve their quality of life and allow them to live independently and contribute to the vibrancy of Ontario for as long as possible; and
- WHEREAS;** Where there is **Respect** there can be no abuse; therefore, residents of Ontario are urged to Stop Abuse and Restore Respect and join this global movement to Stop Abuse and Restore Respect.
- THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **June 15, 2021** as "**World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**" and encourage residents to recognize and celebrate seniors and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of Ontario.



  
Jeff Lehman  
Mayor