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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE  
Mayor's Office

# PROCLAMATION

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

do hereby proclaim

**September 10, 2016**

as

## World Suicide Prevention Day

- WHEREAS;** Simcoe County Suicide Awareness Council is comprised of survivors of suicide loss; service professionals; mental health providers; and community members who are engaged in "Providing a culture of hope and support to those affected by suicide, while increasing awareness and understanding through education"; and
- WHEREAS;** Many loved ones in our community have been lost to suicide//many through feelings of depression; hopelessness and helplessness; and
- WHEREAS;** Many people have been affected by the tragedy of suicide and struggle to reconcile themselves to this type of loss for years; and
- WHEREAS;** Suicide is the second leading cause of death amongst our youth; our first nations people have increasingly higher rates on a yearly basis; Indigenous, LGBTQ and at-risk youth are at least 4 times more likely to attempt suicide; our seniors and military personnel too often struggle alone; and according to the Mental Health Commission of Canada, nearly 4,000 Canadians die yearly by suicide; and
- WHEREAS;** Awareness and education; compassion and understanding are fundamental in the prevention of suicide.

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Be the **ONE** to make a difference!

**THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **September 10, 2016** as "World Suicide Prevention Day."



Jeff Lehman,  
Mayor