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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

**February 19, 2017 – February 25, 2017**

as

## **Youth Homelessness Awareness Week**

- WHEREAS;** This special day has been selected by Youth Haven and is celebrated as “Coldest Night of the Year” in agencies across Canada. Youth Homelessness Awareness Week and Coldest Night of the Year events are to encourage and promote awareness of youth homelessness, the causes and needs of those affected, and the programs and services available at Youth Haven; and
- WHEREAS;** One in five people who experience homelessness are under the age of 25; and studies show seventy percent of homeless youth have suffered some form of physical, sexual or emotional abuse; and
- WHEREAS;** Youth Haven is a non-profit, charity organization responsible for preventing and assisting those youths who are homeless or at-risk, assisting families develop positive relationships and conflict resolution, which has been servicing the region for 30 years; and
- WHEREAS;** Youth Haven works with community agencies and Provincial and Federal organizations to provide best practice services to at-risk youth and to promote the benefits of transitional housing and life skills programs. Youth Haven recognizes that participation in life skills, counselling, and community involvement contributes to the physical and mental well-being and healthy lifestyle of all individuals. For more information about Youth Haven Simcoe or how to get involved with the Coldest Night of the Year, contact (705) 739-7616 or youthhaven.ca.
- THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **February 19 to February 25, 2017** to be **“Youth Homelessness Awareness Week”** and encourage all citizens to support initiatives that work toward the betterment of youth.



Jeff Lehman  
Mayor