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PROCLAMATION

Mayor's Office

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

do hereby proclaim

February 28, 2017

as

Rare Disease Day

WHEREAS; A rare disease is defined as a condition affecting fewer than 1 in 2000 people; and

WHEREAS; There are more than 7000 diagnosed rare diseases and many more undiagnosed diseases

1 in 12 people, which amounts to nearly three million Canadians, have a rare disease; and

WHEREAS; Many are unaware of many of these diseases and their symptoms, causing people with a rare

disease to suffer for many years before they obtain a correct diagnosis and medical treatment;

and

WHEREAS; There is a need to educate and support individuals and families affected by rare diseases; and

WHEREAS; Rare Disease Connection is a group of patients and their families looking to create awareness,

education opportunities and supports to create change.

THEREFORE, I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim February 28, 2017 as "Rare

Disease Day" in the City of Barrie.



Jeff Lehman, Mayor