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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

**April 9, 2017 - April 15, 2017**

as

## Barbershop Harmony Week

- WHEREAS;** The Barbershop Harmony Society is celebrating the Anniversary of its founding on April 11, 1938, as The Society For The Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America; and
- WHEREAS;** The City of Barrie is the proud host city of The County Chordsmen, five-time Ontario District Champions who just celebrated their 40th anniversary in 2016; and
- WHEREAS;** The Society's Ontario District, through Harmonize For Speech, one of its two charities, has raised over \$5 Million for Speech Therapy in Ontario, including a recent \$50,000 contribution to the Sadlon Centre for Health and Wellness at Georgian College in support of the Speech Therapy Clinic. Through its other charity, Sing Canada Harmony, they sponsor youth educational programs including the Harmony Explosion camps and the Ontario Youth A Cappella Chorus, which has distinguished itself at international festivals; and
- WHEREAS;** The Barbershop Harmony Society promotes musical education through musical scholarships, and entertains our citizens through Annual Shows, Singing Valentines and special performances throughout the community to celebrate the unique and distinctive genre of Barbershop Harmony, and is dedicated to the spread of harmony amongst all people of the world through the universal language of music.
- THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim the week of **April 9 to April 15, 2017** as "**Barbershop Harmony Week**" in the City of Barrie.



Jeff Lehman,  
Mayor