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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

April 2, 2017

as

World Autism Awareness Day

- WHEREAS;** World Autism Awareness Day was recognized on April 2, 2016 in Canada; and
- WHEREAS;** Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) affects more than 100,000 Ontarians and is now recognized as the most common neurological disorder affecting 1 in every 94 children, as well as their friends, family and community; and
- WHEREAS;** ASD is a spectrum disorder, which means it not only manifests itself differently in every individual in whom it appears, but its characteristics will change over the life of the individual as well. A child with ASD will become an adult with ASD; and
- WHEREAS;** Autism Ontario (formerly Autism Society of Ontario) is the leading source of information and referral on autism and one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community. Since 1973, Autism Ontario has been providing support, information and opportunities for thousands of families across the province; and
- WHEREAS;** Autism Ontario is dedicated to increasing public awareness about autism and the day-to-day issues faced by individuals with autism, their families, and the professionals with whom they interact. The association and its chapters share common goals of providing information and education, supporting research, and advocating for programs and services for the autism community.
- THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **April 2, 2017** to be **"World Autism Awareness Day."**



Jeff Lehman
Mayor