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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 2017**

as

## **Dig Safe Month**

**WHEREAS;** Annual damages to Ontario's underground infrastructure caused by excavation events number in excess of 4,500 per year. These events cause negative impacts to the Ontario public and our province's economy; and

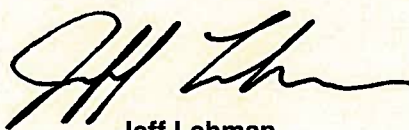
**WHEREAS;** The Ontario Regional Common Ground Alliance (ORCGA), formed in 2003, whose purpose is to enhance public safety and utility infrastructure reliability through a unified approach to effective and efficient damage prevention, consists of some 450 members dedicated to this purpose, including Ontario1Call; and

**WHEREAS;** The Canadian Common Ground Alliance (CCGA) and the ORCGA have worked collaboratively to produce the "Underground Infrastructure Damage Prevention – Best Practices" handbook to assist in reducing infrastructure damage associated with excavations; and

**WHEREAS;** The ORCGA annually promotes many educational events across its thirteen (13) Geographic Councils which cover all of Ontario, including the Dig Safe Kick-Offs in April and "April is Dig Safe Month", to raise awareness of the importance of proper excavation practices.

**THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim the month of **April 2017** to be "**Dig Safe Month**" in the City of Barrie.



  
Jeff Lehman,  
Mayor