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PROCLAMATION

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

do hereby proclaim

May 8, 2017

as

World Ovarian Day

- WHEREAS;** Ovarian cancer ranks fifth in cancer deaths among women and causes more deaths than all of the other cancers of the female reproductive system combined.
- WHEREAS;** Each year, 2,800 women in Canada are diagnosed with ovarian cancer and sadly 1750 women die of the disease. 56% of women diagnosed do not live five years past their diagnosis. Even though the statistics are bleak, the good news is that when diagnosed in the early stages, the long-term survival rate is up to 90%, showing need for research and finding a screening test. Creating awareness for early detection will increase survival rates; and
- WHEREAS;** The goal of World Ovarian Day is to make all Canadians aware of ovarian cancer so that everyone can recognize the signs and symptoms. Survival rates for the country's most fatal women's cancer haven't improved in 50 years. This is because research funding has lagged behind that of other diseases, stalling much needed scientific progress. Increased investment in research and availability of approved drugs is needed. For every day that passes, five Canadian women are lost to this disease because treatment options are extremely limited; and
- WHEREAS;** Ovarian Cancer Canada is the only non-profit raising funds for ovarian cancer research. Ovarian Cancer Canada your support and wear teal, show you know the signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer. It's about time.
- THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim May 8, 2017 to be "World Ovarian Day" and I encourage all citizens to take note of this special day.



Jeff Lehman
Mayor