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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

May 28 to June 3, 2017

as

National AccessAbility Week

- WHEREAS;** An estimated 15 percent of Ontario's approximately 11 million residents have some form of disability and as disability increases with age, there is a need for greater awareness, of the needs, capabilities and potential of persons with disabilities in Ontario; and
- WHEREAS;** Individuals with disabilities are impacted daily by barriers to: information, facilities, employment, transportation, and communication supports, therefore negatively challenging an individual's ability to fully participate in community life; and
- WHEREAS;** The City of Barrie Council and the citizens of Barrie are committed to working to make Barrie an inclusive community in which all persons can independently exercise their civil, political, social and cultural rights on an equal basis, and ensuring that everyone has the right to live in conditions of dignity, respect and peace; and
- WHEREAS;** On behalf of the City of Barrie we extend our recognition to all persons with disabilities and offer our support to the recently established National AccessAbility week as an opportunity to celebrate accessibility as a National concern, while working locally to increase our efforts to achieve our goal of becoming an inclusive community, by working to eliminate barriers to City of Barrie facilities, programs and services.
- THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **May 28 to June 3, 2017** as "**National AccessAbility Week**" and encourage everyone to support equality of access, and opportunity for persons with disabilities.



Jeff Lehman
Mayor