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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 the month of

**November 2017**

as

## **Women Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month**

- WHEREAS;** The Government of Ontario has declared November as Women Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month, and November 25 as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; and
- WHEREAS;** The Ontario Women's Directorate and the Women & Children's Shelter of Barrie, is concerned with every woman's fundamental right to live in safety and security in her home and community – free from the threat of violence; and
- WHEREAS;** Approximately thirty-five per cent of all women have at one time in their lives, at least, or several times, experienced physical violence, intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence. This violence can leave permanent physical, mental and sexual or reproductive health problems and often the scale and true nature of the issue is hidden; and
- WHEREAS;** Violence against women is a human rights violation and continues to be a global pandemic, one which affects over a third of all women in all societies, all social classes, all continents, and one which is not diminishing; and
- WHEREAS;** Purple is the symbol of courage, survival and honour and it has come to symbolize the fight to end woman abuse. The Women & Children's Shelter of Barrie is asking everyone to wear purple and/or decorate their home or business in purple. On Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at noon at City Hall, the flag will be raised to commemorate International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, everyone is welcome to attend. Visit [www.barrieshelter.com](http://www.barrieshelter.com) or contact [Kaity@barrieshelter.com](mailto:Kaity@barrieshelter.com) to find out how you can support these initiatives.

**THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim the month of **November 2017** to be "Women Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month."



Jeff Lehman  
Mayor