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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE
Mayor's Office

PROCLAMATION

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

do hereby proclaim

February 18, 2018 – February 24, 2018

as

Youth Homelessness Awareness Week

WHEREAS; This special day has been selected by Youth Haven and is celebrated as "Coldest Night of the Year" in agencies across Canada. Youth Homelessness Awareness Week and Coldest Night of the Year events are to encourage and promote awareness of youth homelessness, the causes and needs of those affected, and the programs and services available at Youth Haven; and

WHEREAS; One in five people who experience homelessness are under the age of 25; and studies show seventy percent of homeless youth have suffered some form of physical, sexual or emotional abuse; and

WHEREAS; Youth Haven is a non-profit, charity organization responsible for preventing and assisting those youths who are homeless or at-risk, assisting families develop positive relationships and conflict resolution, which has been servicing the region for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS; Youth Haven works with community agencies and Provincial and Federal organizations to provide best practice services to at-risk youth and to promote the benefits of transitional housing and life skills programs. Youth Haven recognizes that participation in life skills, counselling, and community involvement contributes to the physical and mental well-being and healthy lifestyle of all individuals. For more information about Youth Haven Simcoe or how to get involved with the Coldest Night of the Year, contact (705) 739-7616 or youthhaven.ca.

THEREFORE, I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **February 18 to February 24, 2018** to be "**Youth Homelessness Awareness Week**" and encourage all citizens to support initiatives that work toward the betterment of youth.



Jeff Lehman
Mayor