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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

June 2018

as

Deafblind Awareness Month

- WHEREAS;** On December 21, 2000, the Ontario Legislature officially proclaimed the month of June in each year as Deaf-Blind Awareness Month, to recognize that "Deafblindness is a unique disability that incorporates the sensory loss of both sight and hearing" and was created to help "recognize that increased public awareness of this disability is crucial to increase opportunities for those who live with it"; and
- WHEREAS;** More recently, the Canadian Senate passed a motion on May 28, 2015 also recognizing June as Deafblind Awareness Month across Canada. This motion helps "to promote public awareness of deafblind issues and to recognize the contribution of Canadians who are deafblind"; and
- WHEREAS;** June is also the birth month of Helen Keller, an internationally recognized person who lived with deafblindness; and
- WHEREAS;** National Deafblind Awareness Month is celebrated in communities across Ontario. A list of events can be found at www.deafblindnetworkontario.com; and
- WHEREAS;** Founded in 1989, DeafBlind Ontario Services is a not-for-profit organization that helps individuals who are deafblind increase their independence and improve their quality of life through specialized services. With residential locations and community services programs across the province, their services extend into a wide range of communities in Ontario. To learn more, visit deafblindontario.com.
- THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **June 2018** as "Deafblind Awareness Month"




Jeff Lehman,
Mayor