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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

June 3, 2018 – June 10, 2018

as

Barrie Pride Week

WHEREAS; This marks the 5th annual Barrie Pride Week and Festival in Barrie, and it's purpose is to create a safe and inclusive Barrie that supports Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender-community members through services, activities and events; and

WHEREAS; The Rainbow Pride flag is raised to honour LGBTQ2+ community members of Barrie. The Rainbow Flag was designed by Gilbert Baker in San Francisco in 1978. The colours represent the diversity of the LGBTQ2+ community. The colour Red signifies life; Orange is healing; Yellow is sunlight. Green represents nature. Blue symbolizes serenity, peace and harmony. And finally, Purple represents spirit; and

WHEREAS; Barrie Pride Week is filled with numerous events and activities that focus on education, awareness, community development, creative expression and fun for the whole family. The theme for this year is *Because it Matters*. Please visit www.barriepride.com to learn more about Barrie Pride and the first 3-day Festival from June 8 to 10 at Heritage Park.

THEREFORE, I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim the week of **June 3 to June 10, 2018** as "**Barrie Pride Week**" and encourage all citizens to take note of this special week, get involved and participate in this celebration.



Jeff Lehman,
Mayor