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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

October 7, 2018 – October 13, 2018

as

Fire Prevention Week

- WHEREAS;** The City of Barrie is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Barrie; and
- WHEREAS;** Fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are where people are at greatest risk from fire. Fires in homes killed more than 88 people in Ontario, in 2016 according to the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (OFMEM) and fire departments in Ontario responded to 5215 home fires in 2015; and
- WHEREAS;** Residents should identify places in their home where fires can start and eliminate those hazards; and
- WHEREAS;** Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and residents should listen for the sound of the smoke alarm and when it sounds respond by going outside immediately to the designated meeting place; and
- WHEREAS;** Residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and
- WHEREAS;** Barrie's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take action to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and
- WHEREAS;** The 2018 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware – fire can happen anywhere™" effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

THEREFORE, I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **October 7 to 13, 2018**, as "**Fire Prevention Week**", and I urge all the people of Barrie to be aware of their surroundings, look for available ways out in the event of a fire or other emergency, respond when the smoke alarm sounds by exiting the building immediately, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Barrie Fire and Emergency Service during Fire Prevention Week 2018.




Jeff Lehman,
Mayor