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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

November 15, 2018

as

Children's Grief Awareness Day

- WHEREAS;** Children's Grief Awareness Day, the third Thursday in November, is a day focused on bringing to mind all children who are grieving the death, divorce or deployment of a loved one – children who typically feel very alone in their journey of grief; and
- WHEREAS;** Children who have had a loved one die, experience a divorce or deployment of a close family member can carry that loss with them for a long time, causing confusion, sorrow and fearfulness as they struggle to understand; and
- WHEREAS;** The unresolved grief of children and teens may lead to depression, hopelessness and other mental health issues, including anxiety disorders and substance abuse; and
- WHEREAS;** Locally, organizations such as Seasons Centre for Grieving Children and Rainbows Canada support children, teens and their families work through grief; and
- WHEREAS;** People encouraged to wear blue in an effort to raise awareness and show their support for bereaved children and the grief agencies which serve those young people confronted by the reality of death, divorce or deployment.
- THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **November 15, 2018** as "Children's Grief Awareness Day" in the City of Barrie.



Jeff Lehman,
Mayor