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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

## **April 2019**

as

## "Be A Donor" Month

WHEREAS;

Over 1,600 people in Ontario are on the waitlist and every three days someone

dies waiting for a live-saving organ transplant; and

WHEREAS:

In 2018, 333 deceased and 274 living donors saved the lives of 1,236 people through transplant, and 2,413 tissue donors enhanced the lives of thousands

more through the gift of eyes, bone, skin or heart valves; and

WHEREAS:

Research shows the majority of Ontarians support organ and tissue donation yet

just 34% of eligible Ontarians have registered their consent to donate; and

WHEREAS;

Families almost always consent to donation when there is evidence a loved one registered their decision to donate, but in the absence of a registered donation

decision, families consent only half of the time; and

WHEREAS;

everyone is a potential organ and tissue donor, regardless of age; one organ

donor can save up to eight lives and enhance the lives of up to 75 more through

the gift of tissue.

THEREFORE,

I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim the month of **April 2019** to be "**Be A Donor**" **Month** and encourage all to learn more about the organ and tissue donation and consider registering as a donor at BeADonor.ca.

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Jeff Lehman, Mayor