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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE Mayor's Office

PROCLAMATION

I, Alex Nuttall, Mayor of the City of BARRIE,

do hereby proclaim

September 25th, 2023

as

Franco-Ontarian Day

WHEREAS; On May 18, 2010, the Legislative Assembly of Ontario enacted the Franco-Ontarian Day Act, 2010 proclaiming September 25 in each year as the Franco-Ontarian Day, and;

WHEREAS; The Franco-Ontarian Day Act recognizes that Franco-Ontarians commemorate September 25 to celebrate their language and heritage and also take pride in their collective accomplishments, and;

WHEREAS; September 25 is the anniversary of the first unveiling of the Franco-Ontarian flag in Sudbury in 1975. The flag serves as the emblem of the Francophone community of Ontario, and;

WHEREAS; Through commemorating this day, we express our commitment to promoting linguistic and cultural diversity, upholding the values of respect, understanding, and acceptance that strengthen the bonds among all members of our community, and;

THEREFORE, I, Alex Nuttall, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **September 25**th, **2023** to be "Franco-Ontarian Day."

Alex Nuttall Mayor