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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

July 31 to August 8, 2015

as

Simcoe Pride Week

- WHEREAS;** This marks the fourth annual Simcoe Pride Week, and it's purpose is to create a safe and inclusive Simcoe County that supports Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans-community members through services, activities and events; and
- WHEREAS;** The Rainbow Pride flag is raised to honour LGBT community members of Simcoe County. The Rainbow Flag was designed by Gilbert Baker in San Francisco in 1978. The colours represent the diversity of the LGBT 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;** The Simcoe Pride Committee formed on May 13, 2012, and its mission is "to create inclusive events, activities and opportunities that rise above heterosexism, hetero-normativity and homo/bi/transphobia providing a safe community for LGBT people within Simcoe County"; and
- WHEREAS;** Simcoe Pride Week is filled with numerous events and activities that focus on education, awareness, community development, creative expression and fun for the whole family. Please visit www.simcoepride.com to learn more about Simcoe Pride and the activities of Simcoe Pride Week 2015.
- THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **July 31 to August 8, 2015** as "Simcoe Pride Week."



Jeff Lehman,
Mayor