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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

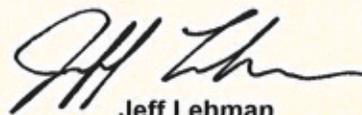
August 31, 2022

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International Overdose Awareness Day

- WHEREAS;** The City of Barrie does affirm and acknowledge the harm and hardship caused by drug overdose; and
- WHEREAS;** We recognize the purpose of International Overdose Awareness Day as remembering loved ones lost to overdose and ending the stigma of drug-related deaths; and
- WHEREAS;** We resolve to play our part in reducing the toll of overdose in our community, which claimed the lives of 70 Barrie residents in 2021, together with countless more affected forever; and
- WHEREAS;** We affirm that the people affected by overdose are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, and deserving of our love, compassion and support; and
- WHEREAS;** There are important organizations that advocate and offer support for individuals and families. **"Moms Stop The Harm"** is a national organization comprised of family members that have been affected by the toxic drug crisis. Locally, **"Ryan's Hope"** is an organization that advocates for and supports people living with substance use issues in our community.
- THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Jeff Lehman, do hereby proclaim **August 31, 2022** as **"International Overdose Awareness Day"** in the City of Barrie.




Jeff Lehman
Mayor