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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

**May 28 to June 3, 2012**

as

## National Access Awareness Week

- WHEREAS;** An estimated 15 percent of Ontario's approximately 11 million residents have some form of disability. As disability increases with age there is a need for greater awareness of the needs, capabilities and potential of persons with disabilities in Ontario; and
- WHEREAS;** Individuals with disabilities are impacted daily by barriers to accessible information, independent access to facilities, to employment, transportation, and accessible communication supports. Such barriers often impact an individual's ability to fully participate in community life. National Access Awareness Week is an opportunity to celebrate accessibility and increase our efforts to achieve our goal of becoming an accessible community by eliminating barriers to City of Barrie facilities, programs and services; and
- WHEREAS;** The City of Barrie Council and the citizens of Barrie are committed to working to make Barrie an inclusive community in which all persons can independently exercise their civil, political, social and cultural rights on an equal basis with other persons, and ensuring that everyone has the right to live in conditions of dignity, respect and peace; and
- THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **May 28<sup>th</sup> to June 3<sup>th</sup>, 2012** as "**National Access Awareness Week**" and encourage everyone to support equality of access, opportunity and outcomes for persons with disabilities.



Jeff Lehman,  
Mayor