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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE Mayor's Office

PROCLAMATION

I, BARRY WARD, Deputy Mayor of the City of BARRIE,

June 2022

"Indigenous Heritage Month" and "Indigenous Peoples Day"

WHEREAS;

June is National Indigenous History Month and June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples Day – a day for all Canadians to learn about and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures, and

significant contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples; and

WHEREAS;

Generations of Indigenous peoples have celebrated on June 21st due to the significance of

summer solstice as the longest day of the year; and

WHEREAS:

The City of Barrie recognizes the inherent rights of Indigenous Peoples as the original inhabitants of the land known as Barrie - the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg people, including the Odawa, Ojibwe, and Pottawatomi Nations collectively known as the Three Fires Confederacy, as well as the Wendat Nation (Huron) who occupied these lands prior to the middle of the 17th

century; and

WHEREAS:

The City of Barrie seeks to strengthen the relationship with Indigenous communities and local organizations, and is committed to working towards reconciliation to address the Calls to Action from the Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Canada; and

WHEREAS:

The City of Barrie strives to be an inclusive community and encourages all residents to reflect, learn, and take action in a meaningful way towards reconciliation in solidarity with the Indigenous community.

THEREFORE, I, Barry Ward, Deputy Mayor, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2022 as "Indigenous Heritage Month" and June 21, 2022 as "Indigenous Peoples Day".

Deputy Mayor