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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

September 25, 2022

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 Franco-Ontarian Emblem Act, 2001 recognizes the flag as the emblem of the Francophone community of Ontario; and

WHEREAS; By proclaiming September 25 as Franco-Ontarian Day, this Act officially recognizes the contributions of the Francophone community of Ontario to the social, economic and political life of the Province and the community's importance in Ontario's society; and

WHEREAS; French is one of the two official languages of Canada and has been spoken in Ontario since the 17th century.

THEREFORE, I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **September 25, 2022** as "Franco-Ontarian Day".



Jeff Lehman,
Mayor