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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE Mayor's Office

PROCLAMATION

I, Alex Nuttall, Mayor of the City of BARRIE,

do hereby proclaim

March 21, 2023

as

World Down Syndrome Day

- **WHEREAS;** World Down Syndrome Day, which was officially established by the United Nations in 2012 and adopted by the province of Ontario in 2016 and;
- **WHEREAS;** The Down Syndrome Association of Simcoe County assists in providing support and information to families in Barrie and surrounding area with a Down syndrome member;
- WHEREAS; To promote increased knowledge and understanding of Down syndrome, and to assist in accessing services for families in need World Down Syndrome Day was created to emphasize that a person should not be defined by their disability, and that people with Down syndrome can lead enriched and fulfilled lives;
- **WHEREAS;** The date 03/21 was chosen to represent the presence of three chromosomes in the 21st chromosomal pair;
- **WHEREAS;** To celebrate World Down Syndrome Day, folks around the world will be wearing silly and mismatched socks to remind us that every person is unique.
- THEREFORE, I, Alex Nuttall, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2023 to be "World Down Syndrome Day."

Alex Nuttall Mayor