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PROCLAMATION

I, JEFF LEHMAN, Mayor of the City of BARRIE,

do hereby proclaim

September 28, 2021

as

British Home Child Day

- WHEREAS;** In the years around 1900, more than 100,000 orphaned and abandoned children, who are known today as the "British Home Children", were sent from the U.K. and placed in Canadian farms and households; the girls as domestic servants and the boys as labourers, and
- WHEREAS;** Many of these children, after being released from their indentures at the age of eighteen, contributed generously to the settlement of Barrie and area, and
- WHEREAS;** There are an estimated 4 million descendants of British Home Children living in Canada today, and
- WHEREAS;** On September 28th, our national British Home Child Day, landmarks across Canada will be illuminated in red, white and blue as "Beacons of Light"; tributes to British Home Children and Child Migrants; and sunflowers will be laid on the graves of Home Children
- THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **September 28, 2021** as **"British Home Child Day."**




Jeff Lehman,
Mayor