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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 the month of

November 2021

as

Women Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month

- WHEREAS;** The Government of Ontario has declared November as Women Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month and November 25 is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women; and
- WHEREAS;** The Ontario Women's Directorate and the Women & Children's Shelter of Barrie, is concerned with every woman's fundamental right to live in safety and security in her home and community – free from the threat of violence. Approximately thirty-five per cent of all women have at one time in their lives, at least, or several times, experienced physical violence, intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence; and
- WHEREAS;** Violence against women is a human rights violation and continues to be a global pandemic, one which affects over a third of all women in all societies, all social classes, all continents, and one which is not diminishing. This violence can leave permanent physical, mental and sexual or reproductive health problems and often the scale and true nature of the issue is hidden; and
- WHEREAS;** On Thursday November 25th at 1:00pm at City Hall we will raise the flag to commemorate International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Purple is the symbol of courage, survival and honour and it has come to symbolize the fight to end woman abuse. The Women & Children's Shelter of Barrie is asking everyone to wear purple and/or decorate their home or business in purple. Visit www.barrieshelter.com or contact Kaity@barrieshelter.com to find out how you can support these initiatives.
- THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **November 2021** as **"Women Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month."**



Jeff Lehman,
Mayor