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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

November 23, 2021 – December 1, 2021

As

HIV/AIDS Testing/Awareness Week & World AIDS Day

- WHEREAS;** An estimated 680,000 people worldwide died of AIDS-related illnesses in 2020, an illness that is preventable and highly treatable with the use of anti-retroviral medication; and
- WHEREAS;** The number of Canadians living with HIV in 2018 was estimated to be 62,050, with 1 in 8 of those being undiagnosed despite the fact that testing is now more widely available as the result of HIV home test kits and expanded access to rapid point of care testing. **Know your status;** and
- WHEREAS;** A person living with HIV who has access to effective treatment & care, and has a suppressed viral load has **ZERO RISK** of passing on HIV. Undetectable equals Untransmittable. **U=U** dismantles longstanding HIV stigma and is the foundation for being able to end the epidemic.
- THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **November 23 to December 1, 2021** as "**HIV/AIDS Testing/Awareness Week & World AIDS Day**" and encourage everyone to increase their awareness regarding the impact of HIV & AIDS and the need to work together to stop the spread of this disease and the stigma associated with it, locally and globally.



Jeff Lehman
Mayor