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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 20, 2021

as

Transgender Day of Remembrance

WHEREAS; Transgender Day of Remembrance was founded in 1999 by Gwendolyn Ann Smith, a transgender woman, to memorialize the murder of her transgender friend, Rita Hester, who was killed in Allston, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS; Transgender Day of Remembrance has been held annually on November 20. It has evolved into an International Day of Action and is observed in over 185 cities and more than 20 countries; and

WHEREAS; Transgender Day of Remembrance serves to raise public awareness of the hate crimes against transgender people. It also allows us to publicly mourn and honor the lives of our community members who might otherwise be forgotten; and

WHEREAS; This year we would also like to recognize the atrocities committed at the residential schools in Canada. We, the Trans Community, support and grieve with the Indigenous community; and

WHEREAS; True freedom cannot be achieved until all peoples are safe from hate and exclusion. All cultures and communities are equal. We stand together to remember those that we lost due to trauma, injustice, hate and fear.

THEREFORE, I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **November 20, 2021** as "Transgender Day of Remembrance" in the City of Barrie.



Jeff Lehman,
Mayor