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PROCLAMATION

I, ALEX NUTTALL, Mayor of the City of BARRIE,

do hereby proclaim

May 14, 2023

as

Apraxia Awareness Day

- WHEREAS;** Childhood apraxia of speech is a challenging speech disorder that affects nearly 1-in-1,000 children; and
- WHEREAS;** Children with childhood apraxia of speech will not learn to speak without frequent, intensive and appropriate speech therapy; and
- WHEREAS;** A lack of appropriate speech therapy intervention may impact not only communication but also individual outcomes in education, independence, mental wellness, and employment; and
- WHEREAS;** Public awareness about childhood apraxia of speech in the City of Barrie is essential for families of children with childhood apraxia of speech and the professionals who support them to best advocate for needed services for children learning to use their own voice; and
- WHEREAS;** Our highest respect goes to children with childhood apraxia of speech and to their families for their effort, determination and resilience in the face of obstacles.
- THEREFORE,** I, Alex Nuttall, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **May 14, 2023**, as "**Apraxia Awareness Day.**"

Alex Nuttall, Mayor