



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

“NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK”

- WHEREAS** *The mission of Lifesaving Society Canada is to prevent drowning throughout this great country, and even one drowning in British Columbia is one too many; and*
- WHEREAS** *Most drownings are preventable in a Water Smart community, and only through Water Smart education and a healthy respect for the potential danger that any body of water may present can we genuinely enjoy the beauty and recreation opportunities offered by these bodies of water; and*
- WHEREAS** *The Lifesaving Society urges Canadians and residents of Victoria to supervise children who are in and around the water, to refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages while participating in aquatic activities, and to always wear a lifejacket when boating; and*
- WHEREAS** *The United Nations General Assembly passed the UN Resolution on Drowning Prevention (A/75/L.76) and named July 25th of each year as World Drowning Prevention Day; and*
- WHEREAS** *Lifesaving Society Canada has declared July 20th – 26th, 2025 National Drowning Prevention Week to focus on the drowning problem and the hundreds of lives that could be saved this year.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the week of July 20th-26th 2025, as “NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK” on the **HOMELANDS** of the Lekwungen People, the **SONGHEES NATION** and the **XWSEPSUM NATION**, in the **CITY OF VICTORIA**, the **CAPITAL CITY** of the **PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA**.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I hereunto set my hand this 20th day of July, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.*

MARIANNE ALTO
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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