



Office of the Mayor
CITY OF VANCOUVER
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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 Vancouver 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 Vancouver 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 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 hundreds of lives that could be saved from drowning this year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ken Sim, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, on behalf of Vancouver City Council DO HEREBY PROCLAIM July 20th – July 26th, 2025 as

**"NATIONAL DROWNING
PREVENTION WEEK"**

in the City of Vancouver.

Ken Sim
MAYOR

