

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 the Town of Oliver 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 Oliver 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 19th-25th, 2026 National Drowning Prevention Week to focus on the drowning problem and the hundreds of lives that could be saved this year:

NOW THEREFORE I Mayor Martin Johansen on behalf of Oliver Council

DO HEREBY PROCLAIM July 19th – 25th, 2026 as

“National Drowning Prevention Week”

in the Town of Oliver.

