



PROCLAMATION

2024 NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK

WHEREAS the mission of Lifesaving Society Canada is to prevent drowning throughout this great country, and even one drowning in Alberta 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 Fort Saskatchewan to actively supervise children who are in, on, and around the water; to refrain from using substances like alcohol or drugs 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 21 to 27, 2024, 2024 National Drowning Prevention Week to focus on the drowning problem and the hundreds of lives that could be saved this year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Gale Katchur, Mayor of the City of Fort Saskatchewan, do hereby proclaim July 21 to 27, 2024, NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, and do commend its thoughtful recognition to all citizens.

Mayor Gale Katchur

July 22, 2024