



PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK

JULY 19th – JULY 25th, 2026

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 North Saanich 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 Jones, of the District of North Saanich DO HEREBY PROCLAIM July 19th – July 25th, 2026, as “**NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK**” in the District of North Saanich.

Dated this 18th day of June, 2026.



Mayor



Deputy Corporate Officer