



# PROCLAMATION

## NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK

### July 20 - 26, 2025

- 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 community, and only through 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 Smoky Lake County 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: Lifesaving Society Canada has declared July 20 to 26, 2025, 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, Reeve, Jered Serben of Smoky Lake County, hereby proclaim July 20 - 26, 2025 National Drowning Prevention Week in Smoky Lake County and encourage all residents to be aware of the risks associated with activities in, on and around water and ice.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jered Serben", is written over a horizontal blue line.

Smoky Lake County Reeve