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PROCLAMATION

“National Drowning Prevention Week”

July 19 – 25, 2026

WHEREAS the mission of Lifesaving Society Canada is to prevent drowning throughout this great country, and even one drowning in [province/territory] 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 [city/municipality/province] 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; and

THEREFORE, I, Barbara Desjardins, Mayor of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt, do hereby proclaim July 19 – 25, 2026 as

National Drowning Prevention Week

In the Municipality of Esquimalt, Province of British Columbia.

Barbara Desjardins
Mayor