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 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 19 to 25, 2026, as 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, Craig Lukinuk of Smoky Lake County, hereby proclaim July 19 - 25, 2026 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.