



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** the mission of the Lifesaving Society Canada is to prevent drowning throughout this great country, and even one drowning in Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo is one too many; and
- WHEREAS** community recreation facilities in Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo are affiliate delivery partners of the Lifesaving Society Canada and provide learn to swim programs, lifeguard training and Water Smart education; 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 truly enjoy the beauty and recreation opportunities offered by these bodies of water; and
- WHEREAS** the Lifesaving Society urges everyone 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** National Drowning Prevention Week brings focus to the drowning problem and the hundreds of lives that could be saved this year.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Don Scott, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, do hereby proclaim **July 18 - 24, 2021**, as:

“DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo in Fort McMurray, Alberta, this **13 day of July 2021**.

Don Scott, QC
Mayor