

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL DROWNING
PREVENTION WEEK
JULY 18-24, 2021**

Whereas, the mission of the 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 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 the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 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 Lifesaving Society Canada has declared July 18th – 24th, 2021 National Drowning Prevention Week to focus on the drowning problem and the hundreds of lives that could be saved this year.

Whereas, the benefits provided by recreation and parks programs and services reduce healthcare and social service costs, serve to boost the economy, economic renewal and sustainability, enhance property values, decrease vandalism, attract new business, increase tourism and curb employee absenteeism; and

Therefore, be it resolved that, I, Robert Brochu, Reeve do hereby proclaim July 18th – 24th, 2021 as NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK in the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 and do commend its thoughtful recognition to all citizens of our Municipality.

Dated this day of June 9, 2021.



Robert Brochu, Reeve