PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the mission of the Lifesaving Society Canada is to prevent drowning throughout this country, and even one drowning in Alberta is one too many; and

WHEREAS community recreation facilities in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo are delivery partners of the Lifesaving Society and provide learn to swim programs, lifeguard training and Water Smart public education; and

WHEREAS most drownings are preventable and only through Water Smart education and a healthy respect for the potential danger that any body of water can present can we truly enjoy the beauty and recreation opportunities offered by these bodies of water; and

WHEREAS the Lifesaving Society urges everyone to actively supervise children who are in and around the water, to refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages while participating in aquatic activities, and to wear a lifejacket at all times while boating; and

WHEREAS National Drowning Prevention Week puts a focus on drowning and the hundreds of lives that could be saved this year.

THEREFORE NOW, I, Don Scott, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo do hereby proclaim July 21 – 27, 2019 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 9th of July 2019.

Don Scott, QC
Mayor