



PROCLAMATION

National Drowning Prevention Week

July 21 – 27, 2024

Whereas the mission of the Lifesaving Society Canada is to prevent drowning throughout this great country, and even one drowning in the City of Kingston 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 City of Kingston 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 the Lifesaving Society Canada has declared July 21 - 27, 2024 National Drowning Prevention Week to focus on the drowning problem and the hundreds of lives that could be saved this year.

Therefore, I, Mayor Bryan Paterson, on behalf of Kingston City Council, hereby proclaim the week of July 21 – 27, 2024 as “National Drowning Prevention Week” in the City of Kingston.

Dated at Kingston this 10th day of July, 2024.

Bryan Paterson
Mayor