



## **PROCLAMATION**

### **NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK**

**WHEREAS** *the mission of Lifesaving Society Canada is to prevent drowning throughout this great country, and even one drowning in British Columbia 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 Courtenay 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;*

**NOW THEREFORE** *I, Wendy Morin, Acting Mayor of the City of Courtenay, hereby recognize July 16th – 22nd, 2023 **NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK.***

*W. Morin*

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*Acting Mayor Wendy Morin*