



Proclamation

July 19 to 24, 2021

National Drowning Prevention Week

Whereas, The Lifesaving Society designated July 19 to July 24, 2020 as National Drowning Prevention Week to focus attention on drowning prevention; and

Whereas, it is important for the residents of the Town of Orangeville to be aware of water safety, including drowning risks and water incident prevention; and

Whereas, In Canada, an average of 400 Canadians drown each year, and more than half of those drownings occur during the summer. Most drownings are preventable and could be avoided if people correctly wore a Lifejacket or Personal Floatation Device (PFD); and

Whereas, approximately 90 per cent of drowning victims are found not wearing a PFD or Lifejacket. The promotion of water safety and the fact that everyone, regardless of their swimming ability or boating experience, should always wear a PFD or lifejacket when on or near the water is key to reducing these occurrences; and

Therefore, I, Mayor Sandy Brown, do hereby proclaim the week of **July 19 to July 24, 2021** as “**National Drowning Prevention Week**” in the Town of Orangeville.

Sandy Brown
Mayor