



## Proclamation

**July 21 to 27, 2024**

### **National Drowning Prevention Week**

**Whereas**, The Lifesaving Society designated July 21 to July 27, 2024 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 Lisa Post, do hereby proclaim the week of **July 21 to July 27, 2024** as “**National Drowning Prevention Week**” in the Town of Orangeville.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Post", is written above a horizontal line.

Lisa Post  
Mayor