

May 15, 2016 Honorable City Mayor or Reeve

Re: WORLD OCEANS DAY

Dear Honorable Mayor or Reeve;

As you are aware, Canada played a key role in the United Nations declaration of June 8 as World Oceans Day each year. Please remember oceans generate 80% of our oxygen. The theme this year is "One Earth, One Ocean, Ours To Protect".

WORLD OCEANS WEEK CANADA asks you to ensure all public refuse and recycling containers have closed lids to prevent plastics and styrofoam from blowing to our waters edge, in order to protect fish and birds and to take a leadership role in your community by:

1. Encouraging your residents to
 - a) Help our oceans and waterways by reducing their personal water usage
 - b) Help our marine life recover by avoiding sea foods on the endangered list
 - c) Keep the shores of our streams, rivers, lakes and oceans free of debris
 - d) Reduce their emissions and personal carbon footprint

2. Proclaiming June 1 to 8 World Oceans Week in your city
(wording below)

Municipalities are named on the Cities and Towns page under the "In Action" tab of our website.

Together we have the power to protect our oceans now and for future generations, for we have but One Earth, One Ocean, Ours To Protect, Together We Can Make A Difference, now and for future generations.

Please join us on LinkedIn, World Oceans Day Canada. We are pleased to tell you that Students in your city are busy earning the Ocean Hero Certificate, under the guidance of their Teachers !

Sincerely,
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Proclamation Sample for Mayors

World Oceans Week June 1 to June 8
In Recognition of World Oceans Day Awareness

Whereas, in 2009 the United Nations proclaimed June 8 to be World Oceans Day each year around the world; and

Whereas, since 1992 Canada played a key role in the United Nations recognizing World Oceans Day; and

Whereas, World Oceans Week Canada was founded to encourage all Canadians to honour, celebrate, protect and preserve our waterways and oceans as well as the habitat along and in our waterways and oceans where 80% of the oxygen we breathe is generated; and

Whereas, World Oceans Week Canada has designated June 1 to June 8 as World Oceans Week in Canada; and

Whereas, World Oceans Week Canada urges all Canadians to take action to conserve water, preserve waterways and shorelines, reduce emissions, reduce their carbon footprint and protect the habitat along and in our waterways; and

Whereas, World Oceans Week Canada urges all Canadians to help our marine life recover by avoiding sea foods on the endangered list ; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor of, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of, do hereby proclaim June 1 to June 8 as World Oceans Week in our city and encourage the residents of to actively conserve, preserve and protect our waterways, oceans and habit

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of to be affixed this day of, 2016.

....., Mayor