

# PROCLAMATION

## World Ocean Day

**June 8, 2025**

WHEREAS: World Ocean Day catalyzes collective action for a healthy ocean and a stable climate, working in collaboration with youth leaders and a wide range of organizations. World Ocean Day belongs to all groups and individuals, collectively, everywhere. It's about how we can create a better future with an abundant ocean and a stable climate, by working together; and

WHEREAS: Canada holds 20% of the planet's freshwater resources and has the longest coastline of any country in the world - 50% of which is in the Arctic. Of the 38 million people in Canada, over 7 million live in coastal marine areas; 1 in 2 Canadians live along the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River; and

WHEREAS: A key priority will remain keeping up the year-round pressure on global leaders to follow through on their commitments to 30x30, to protect at least 30% of our blue planet by 2030 and safeguard our future. Less than 17% of land and 8% of the ocean worldwide is currently protected. Canada has committed to protecting 25% of Canada's ocean space by 2025 and 30% by 2030. Currently, we are halfway there;

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Simon Boersma, do hereby declare June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as **World Ocean Day**, in the Town of Morinville.



Mayor Simon Boersma

