Honorable Mayors, Reeves, Chairs

Re: WORLD OCEANS DAY

Dear Honorable Mayors, Reeves and Chairs;

As you are aware, Canada played a key role in the United Nations declaration of June 8th as World Oceans Day each year and all of our waterways in Canada are connected to our oceans. Please remember oceans generate 80% of our oxygen. The theme this year is "Together we have the power to protect the ocean!".

WORLD OCEANS WEEK CANADA asks you 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 1st to 8th World Oceans Week in your city
   (wording below)

We will post your Proclamation on World Oceans Day Canada website; please email the pdf file. Thank you.

Together we can make a difference now and for future generations.

Sincerely,
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Proclamation Sample for Mayors

World Oceans Week June 1st to June 8th
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 1st to June 8th 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 1st to June 8th as World Oceans Week in our city and encourage the residents of ........ to actively conserve, preserve and protect our waterways, oceans and habitat

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of ........ to be affixed this ..... day of ........, 2013.

................., Mayor