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RESCUE COMMENDATION AWARD CITATION

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# Brandon Provost

Poplar Bay, Pigeon Lake – August 7th, 2021

**THE RESCUE COMMENDATION CERTIFICATE** *recognizes an outstanding rescue by a person who is not a Lifesaving Society award holder.*

On August 7, 2021, Chad Brown and his five-year-old daughter Cora were at a family gathering at Poplar Bay on Pigeon Lake. After dinner, they decided to go for a ride on their Sea-Doo, stopping for a swim in the middle of the lake. While they were on the water, the calm weather suddenly turned into a storm, with fierce winds and white-capped waves that drifted their Sea-Doo far out of reach. Chad focused on keeping Cora's head above the waves, which had grown so large, he needed to lift her above his own head. It was then that Chad began to suffer a heart attack.

Brandon Provost, a neighbour of the family, was also out on the lake in his motorboat when the storm began to pick up. Making his way back to land, Brandon noticed his father on the shore pointing towards the empty Sea-Doo. Brandon had noticed Chad and Cora on the water earlier that evening, and quickly realized they were in trouble. Though the waves were dangerous to his small boat, Brandon did not hesitate to steer back to help his neighbours. Finding them in the water, Brandon was able to lift Cora into the boat by her lifejacket, but Chad, who had started losing consciousness, could not get himself aboard. Turning off the boat motor, Brandon was able to pull Chad partially out of the water and onto the back of the boat. A larger boat containing Brandon's father, Cora's grandfather, and another neighbour soon arrived to assist. Brandon quickly deduced they would need to tow his boat to shore and tossed them a rope to use. Working together, the larger boat was able to take them to shore, where paramedics soon arrived to treat Chad and Cora.

For his quick response and outstanding effort, Brandon Provost is awarded the Rescue Commendation Certificate.