



PROCLAMATION
Nelson Mandela International Day
July 18, 2026

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly formally declared July 18 as Nelson Mandela International Day in November 2009; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Mandela International Day celebrates the life and birthday of Nelson Mandela, recognizing and paying honour to his triumphs and challenges and his pursuit of a world free from all forms of discrimination. His story is one of unimaginable courage, unbreakable spirit, deep humility, inspiring heroism and tremendous integrity; and

WHEREAS, this day is not only to inspire and encourage people to embrace the values that Nelson Mandela shared and lived but also to recognize our innate ability to have a positive effect on those around us and to make a difference in the lives of our communities and each other. Mandela's extraordinary life and steadfast commitment to the principles of democracy and reconciliation continue to give hope to people of all backgrounds, identities and ethnicities who strive for freedom, respect, justice and dignity; and

WHEREAS, this day recognizes Nelson Mandela's contribution to peace through his involvement in promoting human rights, solving conflict, addressing racial issues and active participation in international democracy and the resolution of conflicts; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Mandela International Day honours Nelson Mandela as a man who demonstrated to the world the extraordinary power of non-violence, tolerance and unwavering service to his fellow men and women; and

WHEREAS, On this day, the birthday of Nelson Mandela, we recognize and pay tribute to Nelson Mandela's leadership and selfless commitment towards upholding and embracing human rights as well as his service towards bettering the global community; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Nancy Dicks, do hereby proclaim July 18, 2026, as "**Nelson Mandela International Day**" in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Nancy Dicks