



PROCLAMATION

Nelson Mandela International Day

July 18, 2020

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;

WHEREAS this day is not only to inspire and encourage people to embrace the values that Nelson Mandela shared and lived, but 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 ethnicity who strive for freedom, respect, justice and dignity;

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;

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;

THEREFORE, as Mayor of the Town of New Glasgow, on behalf of Town Council, I am honoured to hereby proclaim July 18, 2020 to be Nelson Mandela International Day in New Glasgow.

On this day the ninth anniversary of Nelson Mandela International Day and 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.

Residents are encouraged to give 67 minutes of time dedicated to helping others in recognition of the 67 years Nelson Mandela devoted to public service and to his extraordinary leadership that has inspired people around the world. We all have the opportunity to become community change makers.

Mayor Nancy Dicks