



Proclamation

International Mother Language Day

WHEREAS mother language is the foundation of culture and deeply connected to every individual's sense of identity; and

WHEREAS thousands of mother languages throughout the world are endangered, with devastating effects on the preservation and transmission of culture and heritage;

WHEREAS communities worldwide remember and honor the language movement martyrs of the Bangladesh Language Movement of 1952; and thus, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1999 unanimously agreed to observe International Mother Language Day on February 21st each year;

WHEREAS a United Nations resolution in 2007 called upon member states to promote the preservation and protection of all languages used by peoples of the world;

WHEREAS the Town of New Glasgow can act as a leader in promoting Canada's official languages as well as languages of indigenous peoples and those brought by generations of immigrants by encouraging all residents to observe and celebrate International Mother Language Day, recognizing the special role it plays in promoting cultural and linguistic diversity.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Nancy Dicks, on behalf of the Town of New Glasgow, do hereby proclaim February 21 as "International Mother Language Day" in New Glasgow.

Mayor Nancy Dicks