



PROCLAMATION
International Day of The World's Indigenous Peoples
August 9, 2026

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 476 million Indigenous people in the world, living across 90 countries. They make up 6.2 percent of the world's population but account for 15 percent of the poorest. They speak an overwhelming majority of the world's estimated 7,000 languages and represent 5,000 different cultures;

WHEREAS, the International Day of the World's Indigenous People, which takes place every year on August 9, was proclaimed by the General Assembly in December 1994. The date marks the day of the first meeting in 1982 of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights;

WHEREAS, the Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is the most comprehensive international instrument on the rights of indigenous peoples. It embodies global consensus on the rights of indigenous peoples and establishes a universal framework of minimum standards for their survival, dignity and well-being. It elaborates on existing human rights standards and fundamental freedoms as they apply to the specific situation of Indigenous peoples;

WHEREAS, over the last decade, the implementation of the Declaration has achieved some major successes at the national, regional and international levels. Despite the achievement, there continues to be a gap between the formal recognition of indigenous peoples and the implementation of policies on the ground. As a result, indigenous peoples continue to face exclusion, marginalization and major challenges in enjoying their basic rights.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Nancy Dicks, do hereby proclaim August 9, 2026 as “**International Day of The World's Indigenous Peoples**” in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Nancy Dicks