



Dauphin

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS International Week of Deaf People is celebrated worldwide to recognize the identities, languages, cultures, achievements, and contributions of Deaf people and Deaf communities;

AND WHEREAS the 2026 theme, "Declaring Deaf People's Human Rights," affirms that Deaf people are entitled to the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights, including linguistic rights, accessibility, education, employment, and meaningful participation in community and civic life;

AND WHEREAS sign languages are natural, fully developed languages that are central to Deaf identity and culture and are essential to communication, inclusion, and equality;

AND WHEREAS September 23 is recognized as the International Day of Sign Languages, providing an opportunity to celebrate sign languages and promote their recognition, protection, and use;

AND WHEREAS Deaf, DeafBlind, and hard-of-hearing people enrich our communities through their diverse experiences, perspectives, talents, leadership, and contributions;

AND WHEREAS the international Blue Light Campaign unites communities in a visible show of support for sign languages, Deaf identity and culture, and the human rights of Deaf people;

AND WHEREAS the City of Dauphin will illuminate City Hall and the Watson Art Centre in blue during International Week of Deaf People to demonstrate its support for the Deaf community and its commitment to accessibility, inclusion, and the removal of barriers;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF DAUPHIN
DO HEREBY PROCLAIM

September 21 – 27, 2026

AS

"International Week of Deaf People"

in the City of Dauphin and encourage all residents to learn about Deaf culture and sign languages, recognize the human rights of Deaf people, and help build a community in which everyone can participate fully, equally, and without barriers.

Dated this 21st day of September 2026.

David Bosiak
Mayor