

PROCLAMATION

International Literacy Day

September 8th, 2026

WHEREAS: International Literacy Day was first conceived at the “World Conference of Ministers of Education on the Eradication of Illiteracy” held in Tehran, Iran in 1965. The following year UNESCO took the lead and declared September 8 as International Literacy Day, with the primary purpose being “...to remind the international community of the importance of literacy for individuals, communities and societies, and the need for intensified efforts towards more literate societies.”; and

WHEREAS: The importance of our basic human rights to literacy is celebrated and observed on International Literacy Day on September 8; and

WHEREAS: Although much progress has been made in improving literacy rates in the more than fifty years since the first International Literacy Day, illiteracy remains a global problem. There are thought to be more than 750 million adults around the world who cannot read;

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Simon Boersma, do hereby declare September 8th, 2026, as **International Literacy Day**, in the Town of Morinville.



Mayor Simon Boersma

