



Proclamation

Mayor Shaundel

City of La Crosse

WHEREAS, International Guide Dog Day is observed annually to recognize and celebrate the important role that guide dogs play in the lives of individuals who are blind or have low vision; and

WHEREAS, guide dogs provide essential assistance by helping their handlers navigate safely, avoid obstacles, and travel independently in their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, these highly trained service animals also offer companionship, confidence, and increased opportunities for social engagement and community participation; and

WHEREAS, guide dogs undergo extensive training, along with the dedication of professional trainers, puppy raisers, and volunteers who contribute to their development and success; and

WHEREAS, it is important to raise public awareness about proper etiquette around working guide dogs, including allowing them to remain focused and not distracting them while they are on duty; and

WHEREAS, recognizing International Guide Dog Day promotes inclusion, accessibility, and respect for individuals with disabilities within our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHAUNDEL WASHINGTON-SPIVEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LA CROSSE, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2026, as

“INTERNATIONAL GUIDE DOG DAY”

in La Crosse, and encourage all residents to recognize and support the contributions of guide dogs and the individuals they serve.

Dated on this 29th day of April Two Thousand Twenty-Six.



MAYOR SHAUNDEL