

**“INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS”**

**WHEREAS** *this 30th Anniversary of the United Nations International Day of Older Persons (UNIDOP) celebrates the importance of the 72nd anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and reaffirms the commitment to promoting the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by older persons; and*

**WHEREAS** *the 2020 International Day of Older Persons has as its theme “Pandemics: Do They Change How We Address Age and Aging?” and focuses on raising awareness of the needs of older persons and of their contributions to their own health and to the functioning of the societies in which they live; and*

**WHEREAS** *growing older does not diminish a person’s inherent dignity and fundamental rights; and*

**WHEREAS** *more than 40 years after the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, issues of human rights for older persons were taken up in 1991 in the formulation of the United Nations Principles for Older Persons, which provided guidance in the areas of independence, participation, care, self-fulfillment and dignity; and*

**WHEREAS** *in 2002, governments for the first time agreed to link questions of aging to other frameworks for social and economic development and human rights; and*

**WHEREAS** *the interdependence between older persons’ social integration and the full enjoyment of their human rights cannot be ignored, as the degree to which older persons are socially integrated will directly their dignity and quality of life.*

**NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 as “INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS” on the HOMELANDS of the Lekwungen speaking SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT PEOPLE in the CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA.*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, *I hereunto set my hand this September 17<sup>th</sup>, Two Thousand and Twenty.*

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**LISA HELPS**  
**MAYOR**  
**CITY OF VICTORIA**  
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