



Proclamation

UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS

- 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 person's 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 impact their dignity and quality of life; and
- Whereas:* this 30th annual United Nations International Day of Older Persons centers on the theme "Pandemics: Do they Change How We Address Age and Aging?" and intends to raise 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.

Now therefore, as Mayor of the City of Prince George,

I proclaim **October 1, 2020** as:

"INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS"

in the City of Prince George.

Mayor Lyn Hall