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PROCLAMATION

“INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE OLDER PERSONS”

October 1, 2019

- WHEREAS** The United Nations International Day of Older Persons celebrates the importance of the 70th 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 2019 theme of the International Day of Older Persons is “The Journey of Age Equality”; and
- WHEREAS** Older human rights champions today were born around the time of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948; 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 ageing 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 affect their dignity and quality of life.
- THEREFORE**, I, Barbara Desjardins, Mayor of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2019 as

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In the Municipality of Esquimalt, Province of British Columbia.

Barbara Desjardins
Mayor