

United Nations International Day of Older Persons, October 1, 2020

Draft Proclamation:

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 KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October 1, 2020 shall be known as

“International Day of Older Persons”

in the _____.

Respectfully submitted by,
Agnes Jackman, COSCO Board Member