



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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Ceremony at Alberta Legislature Honours Seniors

EDMONTON – “The life that all Albertans enjoy today is the result of the investments and service of our pioneers and our elders,” said Robert E. Wanner, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. “Our seniors carry Alberta’s history in their memories and shepherd the lessons of the past into the future,” he continued.

On September 29, 2017, the Legislative Assembly of Alberta will honour Alberta’s seniors with a public ceremony in recognition of the United Nations International Day of Older Persons.

Recognition of International Day of Older Persons Friday, September 29, 2017, 11 a.m. Legislature Building Rotunda

The event will be hosted by Debbie Jabbour, MLA, Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees, on behalf of Speaker Wanner and will feature a musical performance by the Raging Grannies. A light reception will follow in the lower rotunda.

Remarks will be delivered by:

- Debbie Jabbour, MLA, Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees
- Honourable Lori Sigurdson, MLA, Minister of Seniors and Housing
- Mark Smith, MLA, on behalf of the Interim Leader of the Official Opposition
- Lucien Royer, President, Alberta Federation of Union Retirees
- Judy Lederer, President, Edmonton Area Council, Congress of Union Retirees of Canada
- John Wodak, Seniors’ Action and Liaison Team
- Donna Durand, Executive Director, Alberta Council on Aging

Those with mobility concerns are asked to access the Legislature through the building’s east entrance at ground level.

On December 14, 1990, the United Nations General Assembly (by resolution 45/106) designated October 1 as the International Day of Older Persons. The United Nations has marked the day on an annual basis since 1991.

According to the 2016 federal census there are over 500,000 seniors living in Alberta.

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