



PROCLAMATION

WRONGFUL CONVICTION DAY

WHEREAS

The loss of one's freedom due to a wrongful conviction has far-reaching and devastating consequences which not only affects the innocent individual's life, but also affects the quality of life of their families and has a harmful effect on society as a whole; and,

WHEREAS

Wrongful convictions question the integrity and fairness of the criminal justice system and unless corrected, undermine society's trust in their criminal justice system; and,

WHEREAS

Wrongful Conviction Day is a global movement dedicated to advocating for innocent individuals who have been wrongfully convicted, and is an opportunity to advocate, educate, and create awareness around miscarriages of justice to minimize the effects of wrongful conviction in the future;

NOW THEREFORE

*I, Bob Wells, Mayor of the City of Courtenay, hereby proclaim October 2, 2023 as "**Wrongful Conviction Day**" in Courtenay, BC.*

Mayor Bob Wells