

“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 affect on society as a whole; and*

WHEREAS *wrongful convictions question the integrity and fairness of the criminal justice system and unless corrected undermines societies trust in their criminal justice system; and*

WHEREAS *Wrongful Conviction Day is a global movement dedicated to advocating for innocent individuals who have been wrongly convicted of a crime they did not commit. The implementation and recognition of this day is the start to reaching a broader audience regarding the importance surrounding miscarriages of justice. A proclamation will assist to advocate, educate, and create awareness around those miscarriages of justice in hope for reform to minimize the effect it could have on another individual.*

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim Friday, October 2nd, 2020 as “**WRONGFUL CONVICTION DAY**” on the **HOMELANDS** of the Lekwungen speaking **SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT PEOPLE** in the **CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY** of the **PROVINCE** of **BRITISH COLUMBIA**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this October 1st, Two Thousand and Twenty.

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
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