



CITY OF VICTORIA

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 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 October 2nd, 2021, 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 29th day of July, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.*

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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International Wrongful
Conviction Day Committee