

### **"WRONGFUL CONVICTION DAY"**

- WHEREAS** *the loss of one's freedom due to a wrongful conviction is a major human rights issue that has far-reaching effects; and*
- WHEREAS** *the pernicious effects of wrongful convictions, including but not limited but not limited to personal, social, and legal cost devastate individuals and societies as a whole; and*
- WHEREAS** *wrongful convictions are serious miscarriages of justice that call into question the legitimacy, integrity and fairness of our criminal justice system, and unless corrected, undermine the trust of societies in their criminal justice systems; and*
- WHEREAS** *it is important to inform the broader community on the causes, consequences, and complications associated with wrongful criminal convictions; and*
- WHEREAS** *the prevention of injustice is a valuable service to the citizens of this community; and*
- WHEREAS** *Innocence Canada (also known as the Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted) is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to identifying, advocating for, and assisting individuals who have been wrongly convicted of crimes they did not commit, while also taking measures to prevent future wrongful convictions through awareness, education, and justice system reform; and*
- WHEREAS** *it is deemed desirable to designate one-day set aside for British Columbians and the public at large to recognize and pay special tribute those forced to endure the tremendous consequences brought by flaws within our justice system, and focus on and discuss the causes and remedies concerning wrongful convictions.*

**NOW, THEREFORE** I do hereby proclaim Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, as **"WORLD CONVICTION DAY"** on the **TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES** of the **ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS** in the **CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY** of the **PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA**.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

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**LISA HELPS**  
**MAYOR**  
**CITY OF VICTORIA**  
**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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