



# P R O C L A M A T I O N

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

## WRONGFUL CONVICTION DAY OCTOBER 2, 2023

- 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 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 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, Patrick Johnstone, Mayor of the City of New Westminster do hereby proclaim October 2, 2023 as

### WRONGFUL CONVICTION DAY

In the City of New Westminster, Province of British Columbia.

Patrick Johnstone  
MAYOR

