



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

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

**Wrongful Conviction Day
October 2, 2021**

WHEREAS The loss of a person's freedom as a result of a wrongful conviction can affect an innocent person's quality of life, that of their family, and society at large; and

WHEREAS Innocence Canada is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to identifying, advocating for and assisting individuals convicted of a crime they did not commit. It seeks to prevent such injustices in the future through legal education and reforms to the justice system; 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 to 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 on October 2nd, 2021; and

WHEREAS Innocence Canada works to address the systemic and institutional causes of wrongful convictions within the Canadian legal system.

**NOW
THEREFORE** I, Jonathan Coté, Mayor of the City of New Westminster do hereby proclaim October 2, 2021

Wrongful Conviction Day

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

Jonathan Coté
MAYOR

