

## **PROCLAMATION**

## WRONGFUL CONVICTION DAY October 2, 2020

WHEREAS: the loss of a person's freedom as a result of a wrongful conviction can

affect and 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 to discuss the causes and

remedies concerning wrongful convictions on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020; and

WHEREAS: Innocence Canada works to address the systemic and institutional causes

of wrongful convictions within the Canadian legal system.

NOW THEREFORE I, Leonard Krog, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2020, as:

## WRONGFUL CONVICTION DAY

in the City of Nanaimo, British Columbia

Leonard Krog M A Y O R

Dated this 11th day of September 2020

