

Proclamation

WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS DAY October 2, 2022

WHEREAS: Wrongful Conviction Day is designated as an annual International Day to recognize the tremendous personal, social, and legal costs associated with wrongful criminal convictions. This day recognizes those persons who have been forced to endure the tremendous consequences brought by a wrongful criminal conviction; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of this day is to inform and educate the broader international community on the causes, consequences, and complications associated with wrongful criminal convictions. More information on the day can be found at: <http://wrongfulconvictionday.com> ; and

WHEREAS: It is important to raise awareness in order to work toward the prevention of further wrongful convictions. Proclaiming October 2nd as Wrongful Conviction Day can direct the public's attention to this issue and generate support and understanding; and

WHEREAS: Wrongful Conviction Day was spearheaded by the International Wrongful Conviction Day Committee and now many organizations are leading events in its honor. The committee is committed to raising awareness of and advocating against wrongful convictions globally.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Danny Breen, do hereby proclaim October 2nd, 2022, as Wrongful Convictions Day in the City of St. John's.

Signed at City Hall, St. John's, NL on this 2nd day of October, 2022.



Danny Breen, Mayor