

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF COURTENAY



PROCLAMATION

WRONGFUL CONVICTION AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS the loss of freedom due to a wrongful conviction has far-reaching and devastating consequences that not only affect the lives of individuals wrongfully convicted, but also affect their families and have a harmful effect on society as a whole; and

WHEREAS wrongful convictions are serious miscarriages of justice that call into question the integrity and fairness of the criminal justice system and, unless corrected, undermine public trust in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS Wrongful Conviction Awareness Day is a global movement dedicated to advocating for innocent individuals who have been wrongfully convicted, and is an opportunity to advocate, educate and create awareness around miscarriages of justice, to minimize the effects of wrongful conviction in the future; and

NOW THEREFORE I, Bob Wells, Mayor of the City of Courtenay, hereby recognize that October 2, 2022, shall be known as "Wrongful Conviction Awareness Day".

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Wells", is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Bob Wells