



## City of Courtenay

# Proclamation

## Wrongful Conviction Day

October 2, 2024

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, Bob Wells, Mayor of the City of Courtenay, do hereby  
proclaim October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 as Wrongful Conviction Day  
in Courtenay, BC.



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Mayor Bob Wells