



PROCLAMATION

WRONGFUL CONVICTION DAY PROCLAMATION

OCTOBER 2, 2022

WHEREAS: the loss of one's freedom due to a wrongful conviction is a major human rights issue that has far-reaching effects; and

WHEREAS: the pernicious effects of wrongful convictions, including but not limited to personal, social, and legal cost devastate individuals and societies as a whole; and

WHEREAS: wrongful convictions are serious miscarriages of justice that call into question the legitimacy, integrity, and fairness of our criminal justice system, and unless corrected, undermine the trust of societies in their criminal justice systems; and

WHEREAS: it is important to inform the broader community on the causes, consequences, and complications associated with wrongful criminal convictions; and

WHEREAS: the prevention of injustice is a valuable service to the citizens of this community; and

WHEREAS: Innocence Canada (also known as the Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted) is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to identifying, advocating for, and assisting individuals who have been wrongly convicted of crimes they did not commit, while also taking measures to prevent future wrongful convictions through awareness, education, and justice system reform; and

WHEREAS: it is deemed desirable to designate one-day set aside for the Town of New Glasgow and the public at large to recognize and pay special tribute 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy Dicks, Mayor of the Town of New Glasgow do hereby declare October 2nd, 2022 Wrongful Conviction Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Nancy Dicks