

Proclamation

**Wrongful Conviction Day
October 2, 2021**


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 societies 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.

Therefore: I Mayor Danny Breen Proclaim October 2, 2021 as Wrongful Conviction Day in the City of St. John's.

Signed at City Hall, St. John's, NL on this 1 day of October 2021.



Danny Breen, Mayor