## **Proclamation**

## Wrongful Conviction Day October 2, 2019

Whereas: The loss of one's freedom due to a wrongful conviction has far-reaching

effects. It affects the innocent person's quality of life as well as the quality of life for their family members; and has a harmful effect on society as a

whole; and

**Whereas:** Innocence Canada is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to

identifying, advocating for and assisting individuals convicted of a crime they did not commit. It seeks to prevent such injustices in the future

through legal education and reforms to the justice system.

Therefore, I, Danny Breen, Mayor of the City of St. John's, NL, proclaim **October 2, 2019** to be "Wrongful Conviction Day" in the City of St. John's.

**Dated** at City Hall, St. John's, NL this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

Danny Breen, Mayor