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**PROCLAMATION**

**WRONGFUL CONVICTION DAY**

- WHEREAS** *The loss of a person’s freedom as a result of a wrongful conviction can affect an innocent person’s quality of life, that of their family, and society at large; 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; and*
- WHEREAS** *it is deemed desirable to designate one-day set aside for British Columbians and the public at large to recognize and pay special tribute to 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 on October 2nd, 2019; and*
- WHEREAS** *Innocence Canada works to address the systemic and institutional causes of wrongful convictions within the Canadian legal system.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Michelle Staples of the City of Duncan, British Columbia,*

*do hereby declare Wednesday, October 2, 2019 shall be known as  
“Wrongful Conviction Day”*

*Dated this 19th day  
August, 2019.*

*Michelle Staples, Mayor*