PROCLAMATION

International Wrongful Conviction Day

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.

Wrongful convictions question the integrity and fairness of the criminal justice system and unless corrected undermines societies trust in their criminal justice system.

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.

This day assists in advocating, educating, and creating awareness around miscarriages of justice in hope for reform to minimize the effect it could have on another individual.

Wrongful Conviction Day was spearheaded by the International Wrongful Conviction Day Committee and now many organizations are leading events in its honour. The committee is committed to raising awareness of and advocacy against wrongful convictions globally.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2023 as "International Wrongful Conviction Day" in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton