PROCLAMATION

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 Conviction Day is a global movement dedicated to advocating for innocent individuals who have been wrongly convicted of a crime they did not commit. This day recognizes those persons who have been forced to endure the tremendous consequences brought by a wrongful criminal conviction.

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.

Wrongful convictions question the integrity and fairness of the criminal justice system and unless corrected undermines society's trust in their criminal justice system. The implementation and recognition of this day is the start to reaching a broader audience regarding the importance surrounding miscarriages of justice.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, proclaim October 2, 2025 as "Wrongful Conviction Day" in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton