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To: Clerk's Approval Requests <ClerksApprovalRequests@london.ca>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proclamation Request

On behalf of the International Wrongful Conviction Committee, I am writing to request a proclamation for October 2, 2022, as "Wrongful Conviction Day".

Wrongful Conviction Day is designated as an annual International Day to recognize the tremendous personal, social and legal costs associated with wrongful criminal convictions. This day recognizes those persons who have been forced to endure the tremendous consequences brought by a wrongful criminal conviction. The purpose of this day is to inform and educate the broader international community on the causes, consequences and complications associated with wrongful criminal convictions. More information on the day can be found at: <http://wrongfulconvictionday.com>.

It is important to raise awareness in order to work toward the prevention of further wrongful convictions. Proclaiming October 2nd as Wrongful Conviction Day can direct the public's attention to this issue and generate support and understanding.

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

Please see attached proclamation request form as well as a copy of a template for the proclamation.

Respectfully,

Marisa Parsons


Project Manager - Proclamations & Illuminations

International Wrongful Conviction Day Committee

Proclamation Request Form

Requests for the issuance of proclamations are governed by Council Policy (excerpted below). Requests must be received at least six (6) weeks in advance of the requested issuance date and may be emailed to the City Clerk at ClerksApprovalRequests@london.ca or mailed to City Hall, P.O. Box 5035 LONDON, ON, N6A 4L9.

Request details

Name of Organization International Wrongful Conviction Day Committee
Date Proclamation Required October 2, 2022
Proclamation Name Wrongful Conviction Day
Proclamation Type (day, week or month) Day
Category (public awareness campaigns), (charitable fundraising campaigns), (arts and cultural celebrations) Public Awareness Campaigns
Requester Name Marisa Parsons, Project Manager, Proclamations and Illuminations
Requester Telephone Number
Requester Email Address
Requester Address Oakville, ON, L6M 1C1
Provide details of your Organization's Connection to London Wrongful convictions can happen to anyone, at any time in their life. We are committed to amplifying the voices of the innocent to ensure their experiences are heard. It is evident that mistakes are made in the justice system, and we need to do our part to expose these mistakes in order to limit the number of times it happens to Canadians.
Required Supporting Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Detail information on the Organization• Detail information on the Event• Confirmation of authorization from the Organization to submit the request
The undersigned confirms that I am the Official Representative of the Organization requesting the Proclamation and that by signing this Application, I acknowledge and agree that my organization complies with all City of London's Policies and By-laws Signature  Date Aug. 8, 2022
NOTICE OF COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION Personal information collected on this form is collected under the authority of the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25</i> and may also be used for purposes related to the Issuance of Proclamations Policy and Proclamation Request Form. Questions about this collection should be addressed to the City Clerk, 3rd floor, City Hall, 300 Dufferin Ave., London, ON N6A 4L9. Tel: 519-661-2489, ext. 4937, email: csaunders@london.ca

PROCLAMATION

Wrongful Conviction Day

October 2, 2022

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 of _____ do hereby proclaim
October 2, 2022, as:

“WRONGFUL CONVICTION DAY”
in the City of _____

Mayor
Date