



Canada
Province of British Columbia
A Proclamation

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom,
Canada and Her other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the
Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting

WHEREAS the loss of freedom due to a wrongful conviction has far-reaching and devastating consequences that not only affect the lives of individuals wrongfully convicted, but also affect their families and have a harmful effect on society as a whole, and

WHEREAS wrongful convictions are serious miscarriages of justice that call into question the integrity and fairness of the criminal justice system and, unless corrected, undermine public trust in the criminal justice system, and

WHEREAS British Columbia Crown Counsel take very seriously their obligation to detect and prevent wrongful conviction and, if detected, to take steps to correct wrongful conviction as soon as possible, and

WHEREAS the British Columbia Prosecution Service has undertaken measures to address the causes of wrongful convictions in a systematic and meaningful way through the implementation of related policies and practices, and through the education of Crown Counsel and ongoing participation in the national Heads of Prosecution Wrongful Conviction Working Group, and

WHEREAS Wrongful Conviction Awareness Day is a global movement dedicated to advocating for innocent individuals who have been wrongfully convicted, and is an opportunity to advocate, educate and create awareness around miscarriages of justice, to minimize the effects of wrongful conviction in the future;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October 2, 2021, shall be known as

“Wrongful Conviction Awareness Day”

in the Province of British Columbia.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this first day of October, two thousand twenty-one and in the seventieth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General and
Minister Responsible for Housing
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

Lieutenant Governor