



## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

### PROCLAMATION

**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 society's 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, Ken Johnston, Mayor of the City of Red Deer, hereby proclaim October 2, 2023 as Wrongful Conviction Awareness Day in the City of Red Deer.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Official Seal of The City of Red Deer, Alberta, to be affixed.



Mayor Ken Johnston  
City of Red Deer

