

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, 2025 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

