

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, September 19, 2023

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUEST
WRONGFUL CONVICTION DAY

FROM:

Wendy Law, Deputy City Manager, Legal and Administrative Services & City Solicitor

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek approval for the proclamation request received for Wrongful Conviction Day.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the request received from the Wrongful Conviction Day Committee for October 2, 2023.

Recommendations

1. That October 2, 2023, be proclaimed as “Wrongful Conviction Day”; and
2. That the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and that the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the above-noted proclamation through the various corporate channels.

Background

The request for proclamation was received from the Wrongful Conviction Day Committee by the Office of the City Clerk on July 25, 2023.

The committee works to raise awareness of and advocacy against wrongful convictions globally. As per information provided by the committee, 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.

The committee is asking to proclaim October 2, 2023, as Wrongful Conviction Day to direct the public's attention to this issue and generate support.

Previous Reports/Authority

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Analysis and Options

The proclamation request meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy 03.C.10, as follows:

- 2.1. For the purposes of section 2, a proclamation may be issued for:
 - 2.1.4. Public awareness campaigns

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact expected with regards to this request.

Operational Impact

The Corporate and Strategic Communications team will oversee the promotion of this proclamation on corporate channels.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Having reviewed the request, staff is recommending that October 2, 2023, be proclaimed as "Wrongful Conviction Day", and, that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the above-noted proclamation through the various corporate channels.

For more information, please contact: Todd Coles, City Clerk, ext. 8281

Attachment

1. Correspondence from the Wrongful Conviction Day Committee, received on July 25, 2023

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