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To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the International Wrongful Conviction Committee, I am writing to request that the City of Vaughan proclaim October 2, 2021, 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 to work toward the prevention of further wrongful convictions. Proclaiming October 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Respectfully,

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