



**WHEREAS** the loss of one's freedom due to a wrongful conviction has far reaching and devastating effects. It affects the innocent person's quality of life and the quality of life for their family members, and has a harmful effect on society as a whole; and

**WHEREAS** Innocence Canada, formerly the Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted, is a national non-profit organization dedicated to identifying, advocating for and assisting innocence individuals in clearing their names of a crime they did not commit. Innocence Canada seeks to avoid such injustices in the future through outreach, legal education and reforms to the criminal justice system. It provides a valuable service to citizens of this community.

**THEREFORE** as Chair of the Board of Directors, I do hereby proclaim **October 2, 2019** as **Wrongful Conviction Day** within the Comox Valley Regional District.

  
**Arzeena Hamir**  
Vice Chair

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019

