

To Mayor and Council,

On behalf of the International Wrongful Conviction Committee, I am writing to request that the Fitzsimmons Covered Bridge illuminates in **yellow** in honour of International **Wrongful Conviction Day** on **October 2, 2022**.

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 necessary to raise awareness in order to work toward the prevention of further wrongful convictions. Lighting a landmark can direct the public's attention to this issue and generate support and understanding. Several landmarks throughout Canada, the United States and elsewhere have agreed to light up for the event and many others have in previous years.

Wrongful Conviction Day was spearheaded by the International Wrongful Conviction Day Committee and now many organizations are leading events in its honour. The committee is committed to raising awareness of and advocacy against wrongful convictions globally.

Our organization, partners in Wrongful Conviction Day, and those who have been wrongly convicted would greatly appreciate your support.

All the best,

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