

City of Rochester



WHEREAS, on January 15, 1929, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta Georgia. A transformational leader and civil rights icon, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice, and opportunity for all, and challenged all Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rochester, Minnesota encourages and promotes a strong and inclusive community that recognizes and celebrates efforts to bring all people together for the greater good; and

WHEREAS, our community has a long history of celebrating and commemorating the life, legacy and vision of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s teachings continue to guide and inspire us in addressing challenges in our communities today and into the future. He reminds us "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'" The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. encouraged us to commit ourselves in service to others, reminding us that if we ever doubt what we can do, to remember that, "Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." and

WHEREAS, each of us can and must contribute to making our community, Rochester, Minnesota, better with increased opportunity for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. proclaimed "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal,'; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. dream of freedom, equality and justice is something we must strive for. He looked forward to the day when everyone would be judged not "by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kim Norton, Mayor of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, hereby proclaim January 17, 2022, as

Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the corporate seal of the City of Rochester to be affixed this 17th day of January 2022.

Kim Norton, Mayor
City of Rochester, Minnesota