



Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners
PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION HONORING REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WHEREAS, Dr. King was a champion of civil rights movement to protect the human rights of Black Americans and promote economic justice for all;

WHEREAS, Dr. King created positive systemic change through non-violent resistance, marches, and civil disobedience to further the right to vote, de-segregation, labor rights, and other civil rights;

WHEREAS, Dr. King shared a dream in 1963 that inspired our nation to bring justice where there is injustice, freedom where there is oppression, peace where there is violence, opportunity wherever there is poverty, and that our children be “judged not by the color of their skin but the content of their character”;

WHEREAS, Dr. King was willing to suffer physical and verbal abuse, and lay down his own life solely for the purpose of eliminating social injustice through non-violence;

WHEREAS, Dr. King demonstrated that social reform can be accomplished with expression of mutual respect, words of societal peace, and an understanding of a love for all mankind;

WHEREAS, Congress has dedicated the third Monday in January a Federal Holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners believes that, in keeping with the dream from Dr. King that individual strengths should be promoted and systemic barriers that exist should be dismantled; now, therefore be it

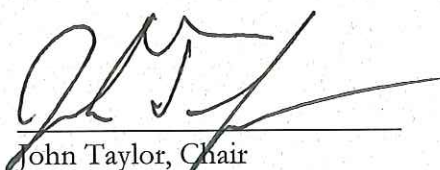
RESOLVED, That the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners, in recognition of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. encourages all people to work to fulfill his dream to create the beloved community in which all people have the opportunity to live into their full potential.

Adopted: January 17, 2023

Moved: Strebs

Seconded: Heppler

Roll Call Vote: Yes (8): Deleeuw, Gisler, Heppler, Mazer, Rey, Strebs, Taylor, Wheeler; No (0); Abstains (0); Absent: (1) Morales


John Taylor, Chair
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO)

I, Meredith Place, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Kalamazoo County, Michigan (the "County") do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a proclamation adopted by the Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on January 17, 2023. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed by signature this 18th Day of January 2023.



Meredith Place
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Kalamazoo County Clerk/Register of Deeds