

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, federal legislation signed into law on November 2, 1983, established a legal holiday to be celebrated on the third Monday in January honoring the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who was born on January 15, 1929; and

WHEREAS, 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, Dr. King's dream, rooted in the American Dream, was that our children might be "judged not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." This dream, he hoped, would finally let freedom ring for all people regardless of race, gender, creed or religion; and

WHEREAS, with the same dream, faith and hope championed by Dr. King, we recommit to upholding his legacy and meeting our sacred obligation to protect the unalienable rights of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the City and MLK committee hosts a yearly breakfast commemorating Dr. King. In his honor we take this time to commit to serving our neighbors and the community this coming year, remembering that positive change requires the collective action of everyone.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 16, 2023, as

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY

in the City of Ormond Beach and call upon all Ormond Beach residents to join me and celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King on this day by paying tribute to his life and legacy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 16th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three.



Bill Partington
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Mayor