

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, “*We have an opportunity to make America a better nation,*” Dr. King said on the eve of his death. We have made great strides since the turbulent era of Dr. King’s movement, but his work and our journey remain unfinished. Only when our children are free to pursue their full measure of success—unhindered by the color of their skin, their gender, the faith in their heart, the people they love, or the fortune of their birth—will we have reached our destination; and

**WHEREAS**, today, we are closer to fulfilling America’s promise of economic and social justice because we stand on the shoulders of giants like Dr. King. We must fortify their ladders of opportunity by correcting social injustice, breaking the cycle of poverty in struggling communities, and reinvesting in our schools. (*Barack Obama, January 15, 2010*); and

**WHEREAS**, each year since the King Holiday and Service Act were signed into law, Americans have marked this observance by devoting the day to service projects in their community. By renovating schools, cleaning up neighborhoods, tutoring children, donating blood, organizing food drives, or reaching out in some other way to those in need, our citizens can work together to make this a day on, not a day off, and to make their own contributions to Dr. King’s legacy of services. Martin Luther King, Jr., was not content to rest on past successes or to compromise his convictions. If he were here now, he would exhort us not to grow weary in doing good but to reach out to one another in the spirit of service and forge a future in which all Americans are proud of diversity and united in our reverence for freedom, justice and equality (*William J. Clinton, January 14, 2000*); and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was recognized on November 2, 1983, by the United States Congress and the President of the United States in the enactment of legislation establishing the third Monday in January as a national holiday in celebration of Dr. King’s birthday beginning in 1986;


**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 18, 2016, as

## DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY

in the City of Ormond Beach and call upon all Ormond Beach residents to join with me to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day by paying tribute to the memory of Dr. King and his legacy of peaceful accomplishment on behalf of all our citizens;

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen.



  
ED KELLEY  
Mayor