



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., born January 15, 1929, was one of the most prominent leaders in the non-violent American Civil Rights Movement; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. King continues to influence our Nation through his efforts for Black liberation and racial equity; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. King spread a message of justice, confronted and mobilized against systems of economic and racial oppression, and persevered forward in the face of hatred and resistance; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. King reminds us to choose the difficult path, saying, "Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness"; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. King warned that the road to equality would never be easy when he stated, "Human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability... we must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right"; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. King pushed us to bring our humanity into our work when he said, "All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence"; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. King declared, "We shall not... relinquish our privilege and our obligation to love. This is the only way to create the beloved community." His words entreat us to serve each other, care for one another, and continue striving toward a more just, equal, and prosperous society for all; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. King should not simply be remembered as a neutral confirmation of our Nation's excellence and inevitable progress. We must strive to intimately understand the applications of Dr. King's political and social vision and reckon with the relentless discrimination he experienced and witnessed throughout his life; and
- WHEREAS: We strive to embody these principles in our everyday lives as we work towards a more inclusive and united Minnesota, and we honor Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s significant contributions to advance genuine progress towards racial equality.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 16, 2023, as:

REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 27th day of December.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE