

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

WHEREAS, January 17, 2022 marks the observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., federal holiday; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice, and opportunity for all, and challenged Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King spread a message of universal equality and justice that touched the soul of our nation, and for his efforts to end racial segregation and discrimination received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's transcendent words, visionary actions, and limitless compassion still motivate those seeking peaceful dialogue, and inspire a shared vision of a future in which individuals are not judged "by the color of their skin but by the content of their character"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's goal of a just and united society and his efforts in the struggle for civil and human rights have continued since his tragic assassination in 1968, and will go on until his dream of freedom, equality, and justice for all is fully realized in the hearts, minds, and souls of all people in these United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Dr. King's life and spirit through community-wide recognition and service on the holiday is an appropriate way to honor Dr. King, bring our citizens together, and strengthen our community and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, that January 17, 2022, is recognized as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day in Indian River County, and the Board urges all citizens to find inspiration in Dr. King's life of service in forwarding our spirit of community.

Adopted this 11th day of January, 2022.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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