

PROCLAMATION

MISSOULA COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MISSOULA, MONTANA

WHEREAS, activist and civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose birth we celebrate on the third Monday of January, was the third person in U.S. history to be recognized by a federal holiday; and

WHEREAS, through his courage and powerful message of hope and nonviolence, he devoted his life to addressing injustice, racism and fear with peaceful protests, unity and understanding, moving millions of Americans to enact profound social changes; and

WHEREAS, he endured imprisonment and adversity in the form of verbal and physical attacks, threats, arrests and ultimately was assassinated in an effort to diminish his great dream of freedom and equality for all people; and

WHEREAS, our nation remembers Dr. King's commitment to the principles of this nation, which he championed through his unyielding faith in justice and unwavering belief in freedom and equality for all; and

WHEREAS, Missoula County and the City of Missoula strive to be welcoming and inclusive communities where we continue to deepen our understanding and practice of providing equal dignity, respect and opportunity for all who live and visit here; and

WHEREAS Dr. King's legacy and writings teach us that we are ultimately measured not by where we stand in moments of comfort and convenience but by what we take on during times of challenge and controversy.

NOW THEREFORE, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we, the Missoula Board of County Commissioners, and Jordan Hess, mayor, do hereby recognize Jan. 16, 2023, as

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

and invite all citizens to consider this quote of Dr. King's: "life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'what are you doing for others?'"

CITY OF MISSOULA



Jordan Hess, Mayor

COUNTY OF MISSOULA

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Josh Slotnick, Chair
David Strohmaier, Commissioner
Juanita Vero, Commissioner

