

Proclamation

CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

Whereas, Civil Rights activist Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born 95 years ago on January 15, 1929, and challenged our nation to recognize that our individual liberty relies upon our common equality; and

Whereas, Dr. King devoted his life to the struggle for equality and justice, and challenged all Americans to hope for a day when we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together and stand up for freedom together; and

Whereas, although Dr. King's "I Have a Dream Speech" was given over 60 years ago, we are still reminded "to sit down together at the table of brotherhood" to meet the promise of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all; and

Whereas, to honor the legacy of Dr. King Congress passed a bill in 1983 that the third Monday of January be observed as Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; and

Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is considered a day of service to empower individuals, strengthen communities, bridge barriers, create solutions to social problems, and move us closer to Dr. King's vision of a 'Beloved Community'; and

Whereas, all people have greater opportunities because of Dr. King's work, we and must continue to work together to achieve his many visions. As he said, "we must learn to live together as brothers, or we will all perish together as fools;" and

Whereas, City of Racine residents are urged to celebrate Dr. King's life and achievements, and I invite everyone to make this holiday not only a day off, but also a day to reflect and take action on civil rights issues across our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cory Mason, Mayor of the City of Racine, proclaim January 15, 2024,

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Racine to be affixed.

Accomplished at the City Hall
this 12th day of January 2024.

Mayor