



Proclamation

Martin Luther King Jr. Day 2023

TO THE CITIZENS OF BEL AIRE, KANSAS, GREETINGS:

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

Whereas, Dr. King's teachings can continue to guide and inspire us in addressing challenges in our communities; and

Whereas, the King Holiday and Service Act, enacted in 1994, designated the King Holiday as a national day of a volunteer service, and charged the Corporation for National and Community Service with leading this effort; and

Whereas, since 1994 millions of Americans have been inspired by the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to serve their neighbors and communities on the King Holiday; and

Whereas, serving on the King Holiday is an appropriate way to honor Dr. King, meet local and national needs, bring our citizens together, and strengthen our communities and nation; and

Whereas, the King Day of Service is the only federal holiday commemorated as a national day of service, and offers an opportunity for Americans to give back to their communities on the holiday and make an ongoing commitment to service throughout the year; and

Whereas, King Day of Service projects are being organized by a wide range of nonprofit and community organizations, educational institutions, public agencies, private businesses, and other organizations across the nation; and

Whereas, each of us can and must contribute to making our communities better with increased opportunity for all our citizens, and

Whereas, citizens of Bel Aire, KS have the opportunity to participate in events throughout our city on the King Day of Service, January 16, 2023, as well as create and implement community service projects where they identify the need;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Benage, Mayor of Bel Aire proclaim January 16, 2023 as Martin Luther King Jr. Day and a Day of Service in Bel Aire, and call upon the people of our City to pay tribute to the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through participation in community service projects on Martin Luther King Day and throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of Bel Aire, Kansas this 3rd day of January, 2023.

Jim Benage, Mayor

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