

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS

PROCLAMATION

Recognizing January 19, 2026, as Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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

The King Holiday and Service Act, enacted in 1994, designated the King Holiday as a national day of volunteer service. 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.

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.

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.

Citizens of Columbia Heights, Minnesota have the opportunity to participate in events throughout the city on the King Day of Service, January 19, 2026, as well as create and implement community service projects where they identify the need.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor of Columbia Heights, do hereby proclaim **Martin Luther King Jr. Day 2026** as a Day of Service in Columbia Heights, and call upon the people of the community to pay tribute to the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through participation in community service projects on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and throughout the year.

Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor
January 12, 2026