

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. was a courageous man who changed our nation forever with his non-violent leadership, vision of equality for all, and desire to serve his fellow man; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. King devoted his life to strengthening the content of our American character, asking us to live up to the principles upon which this country was founded, as stated in our Declaration of Independence “that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. King devoted his life so that the dignity of every American would be respected regardless of the color of their skin; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. King went to our Nation’s Capital in the summer of 1963 and delivered his famous inspiring “I Have A Dream” speech which imprinted in our hearts and minds the message of hope, justice, an equality for all generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. King would want us as Citizens of this United States of America to educate our youth on the importance of his sacrifice as well as people of all races that walked beside him for equal rights for all; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. King espoused his desire to be remembered for his service and was quoted “that we will have to decide whether we will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of selfishness” and continued by asking “What are you doing for others?” based upon Bible scripture Mark 9:35 that states “whosoever will be great among you shall be your servant; and whosoever among will be first, shall be the servant of all”; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Green Cove Springs would like to honor Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. on his birthday, January 15, by remembering his leadership, courage, and dream for all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** That all citizens of the City of Green Cove Springs are encouraged to honor Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. by unselfishly giving their time to each other and their community on January 20, 2025.

**Section 2.** A true copy of this Proclamation shall be spread upon the Official Minutes of the City Council of the City of Green Cove Springs.

**DONE AND PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 7TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.**

**CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA**



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Steven R. Kelley, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Erin West, City Clerk