

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a courageous leader who forever changed our nation through his unwavering commitment to nonviolent action, his vision of equality for all people, and his profound dedication to serving others; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King devoted his life to strengthening the moral foundation of our nation, challenging Americans to uphold the principles set forth in the Declaration of Independence—that “all men are created equal” and endowed with the unalienable rights of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King worked tirelessly to ensure that the dignity and rights of every individual were honored and respected, regardless of race, color, or background; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 1963, Dr. King stood at our Nation’s Capital and delivered his historic and inspiring “I Have a Dream” speech, which continues to resonate as a timeless call for hope, justice, and equality for all generations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King encouraged all Americans to educate future generations on the significance of the civil rights movement and the sacrifices made by those who walked beside him in the pursuit of equal rights; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King sought to be remembered for his commitment to serving others, reminding us that “we must decide whether we will walk in the light of creative altruism or the darkness of selfishness,” and asking, “What are you doing for others?”—a message grounded in the biblical teaching of Mark 9:35, which states that “whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Green Cove Springs seeks to honor Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on his birthday, January 15, by recognizing his leadership, courage, and enduring dream for unity, justice, and equality.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel M. Johnson, Mayor of the City of Green Cove Springs, do hereby proclaim **January 19, 2026, as Martin Luther King Jr. Day** in the City of Green Cove Springs, and encourage all residents to honor Dr. King’s legacy through service, reflection, and actions that promote unity, compassion, and justice within our community.

DONE AND PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, THIS 6TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026.

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA



Daniel M. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erin West, City Clerk