## Proclamation

## Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Of Service

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice, and opportunity for all, while challenging all Americans to participate in reconcile and the neverending work of building a more perfect union; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King recognized that everyone can be great because everyone can serve requiring only grace and love to do so and during his or her lifetime by encouraging all Americans to serve their neighbors and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's message of moving forward included dignity, discipline and nonviolence is the way forward that we cannot walk alone in this walk to justice, and we cannot turn back; and

WHEREAS, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service has been recognized by Congress since 1994 and throughout the United States communities have come together to do acts of service; and

THEREFORE, I, Barbara Volk, Mayor of the City of Hendersonville, North Carolina in honor and recognition of the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to the advancement of equality in our country, proclaim January 16, 2023 "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service" and urge our citizens to honor this day with giving back to their communities and remembering that MLK Day of Service empowers everyone with engaging people from all walks of life and strengthens our diverse city of Hendersonville, NC.

**PROCLAIMED** the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023. Seal

Barbara G. Volk, Mayor City of Hendersonville