



**WHEREAS**, the Civil Rights movement of the 1960's has profoundly impacted the course of American history and continues to shape the direction and debate of our society; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the great leaders of that 20<sup>th</sup> century movement is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose "dream" is no less inspirational and important today than when he first expressed it more than 50 years ago; and

**WHEREAS**, even with the gains of the Civil Rights movement over the years, there are many goals and needs that must be pursued to continue our commitment to achieve justice in our society, including a commitment to economic justice in the face of increasing disparity between rich and poor; and

**WHEREAS**, as we look forward to the future with optimism—inspired by Dr. King's legacy and informed by his wisdom and vision—let us rededicate ourselves to keeping his dream alive and be reminded that we are united together as one community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Wil Kennedy, Mayor of the City of Iowa Colony, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim January 19, 2026 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and encourage all of us to recommit ourselves to achieving Dr. King's dream.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

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Wil Kennedy, Mayor