

Proclamation

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

JANUARY 19, 2026

WHEREAS, *Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, fighting for social justice and opportunity for all Americans; and*

WHEREAS, *Dr. King is recognized as the spokesman and leader of the civil rights movement which advocated for greater rights and greater participation in society for African Americans; and*

WHEREAS, *Dr. King was driven by a deep-rooted belief that a person's worth ought not be measured by their skin color or culture, but rather by the content and quality of his or her character; and*

WHEREAS, *Congress passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964, ending segregation in public places and banning employment discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, and the Voting Rights Act, which guaranteed the right to vote to all African Americans largely as a result of Dr. King's influence; and*

WHEREAS, *In January we remember Dr. King's contributions and passionate leadership with activities that honor his enduring spirit and remind us to carry forward the principles of peace, equality, and service exemplified by Dr. King by treating everyone with courtesy, dignity, and respect; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Noah Walker, of the City of Lake City, do hereby proclaim the 19th of January 2026 as Martin Luther King Jr. Day and in so doing encourage all citizens to join in remembering and honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with inspirational programs, ceremonies, and activities.

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused this seal to be
affixed this 19th day of January 2026.*



*Noah Walker, Mayor
City of Lake City*

**Seal of the City of Lake City
State of Florida**