



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. has inspired this country and the world with his vision and dedication to freedom and equality; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin Luther King, Jr. became the voice of the American civil rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s with eloquent speeches and nonviolent action that resulted in landmark legislation—the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated on April 4, 1968, at 39 years of age; and

**WHEREAS**, the voice of Martin Luther King, Jr. was not silenced, and his faith and courage in proclaiming the message of liberty and justice for all lives on; and

**WHEREAS**, federal legislation signed into law on November 2, 1983, established a legal holiday to be celebrated on the third Monday in January honoring the life of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., who was born on January 15, 1929.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park do hereby proclaim Monday, January 19, 2026, as

## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

in the City of Lake Forest Park, and urge all residents to join in this special observance.

Signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026

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Tom French, Mayor