

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF  
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, RECOGNIZING JANUARY 17, 2022 AS  
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was the most visible spokesman and leader of the American Civil Rights Movement; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the Dr. King advanced civil rights through nonviolence and civil disobedience; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, Dr. King was committed to his dream of unity and delivered over 2,500 speeches in 11 years; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, Dr. King continued with his mission of civil rights, even though the consequences to his nonviolent protests, marches, and speeches resulted in being arrested 29 times; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, in 1963, Dr. King helped organize the March on Washington, where he delivered his “I Have a Dream” speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, in 1964, Dr. King was won the Nobel Peace Prize, at 35 years old, for combating racial inequality through nonviolent resistance; and
- § 8. WHEREAS, Dr. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee; and
- § 9. WHEREAS, Martin Luther King Day was signed as a U.S. Federal holiday in 1983 by President Ronald Reagan and first celebrated in 1986;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 10. Do hereby proclaim January 17, 2022 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the City of Norman. I invite all citizens to continue honoring Dr. King’s legacy through continued support of human rights and hope through peace and learning in our community.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk