

The City of Holland, Michigan



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a champion for civil rights, a prophet of freedom, exhibited extraordinary courage and faith lifting his voice for the African American community and by extension many other voices; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King brought a generation to recognize the universal "threat of injustice anywhere, is an injustice everywhere;" and

WHEREAS, we celebrate a man and a movement that transformed our nation, and we remember that our freedom is inextricably bound to the freedom of others; and

WHEREAS, as a nation we continue to work toward achieving the dream where opportunity and access for all abound; and

WHEREAS, through his unrelenting resistance, persistence, and determination, he changed not only laws, but the hearts and minds of his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, his dream for greater economic opportunity, access, and equal treatment under the law for all has yet to be fully realized for many, we march forward to let hope for all abound; and

WHEREAS, now more than ever, we must heed his teachings by embracing our convictions and bring goodness and goodwill to others; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King taught us that "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of convenience and comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy;" and

WHEREAS, the city of Holland commemorates the life and legacy of Dr. King's great vision, we affirm the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

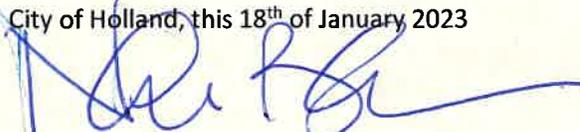
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nathan Bocks, Mayor of the City of Holland, Michigan, and members of the Holland City Council, do hereby proclaim

the month of January to celebrate the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We invite the community to not only celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. throughout our city and to share in this annual tribute but to also engage in community learning opportunities.



Given under my hand and the seal of the
City of Holland, this 18th of January 2023


Mayor Nathan Bocks