

Proclamation

***Recognizing January 17, 2022 as
Martin Luther Jr. King Day***



WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. raised his voice to challenge Americans to make freedom a reality for all, and to believe each of us is created equally; and

WHEREAS, on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, we pause to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. King, and reflect on the mission he inspired: to show empathy to those in poverty, to advocate non-violence in the face of brutality, to care for children in the community, and to show compassion to everyone regardless of our differences; and

WHEREAS, remembering the efforts and determination of Dr. King, we must draw strength in the face of adversity, continue to overcome obstacles, and remain vigilant to keep the dream within reach of every person; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King transformed the concepts of justice, liberty, and equality, and bridged the gap between our founding ideals and the realities of our time; and

WHEREAS, in remembrance of Dr. King, people are encouraged to give a day of service and, in that light, volunteers from the Monroe Family YMCA and Monroe Kiwanis Club will plant 80 evergreen trees, donated by area resident Peggy Zimmerman at Lake Tye Park and Al Borlin Park on Monday, January 17, 2022 and invite the public to attend the ceremony;

WHEREAS, we must stand together for good jobs, fair wages, safe neighborhoods, great quality education for all and further we must ensure the scales of justice work equally for all.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Geoffrey Thomas, do hereby recognize January 17, 2022, as

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

and encourage Monroe's residents to remember the profound contributions Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. made and challenge everyone to strive for peace, justice, and opportunity for all.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey Thomas", is written over a horizontal line.

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor