

Proclamation

Recognizing January 16, 2023 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/Sky Valley YMCA and Monroe Kiwanis Club will be spreading playground chips at Currie View Park and Wales Street Park on Monday, January 16, 2023 and invite the public to join;

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 16, 2023, 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", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor