

Proclamation

***Recognizing January 15, 2024 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 will be spreading playground chips at Rainier View Park on Monday, January 15, 2024 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 15, 2024, 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