

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., challenged our Nation to recognize that our individual liberty relies upon our common equality. In communities marred by division and injustice, the movement he built from the ground up forced open doors to negotiation. The strength of his leadership was matched only by the power of his words, which still call on us to perfect those sacred ideals enshrined in our founding documents (*Barack Obama, January 15, 2010*); and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's activism was rooted in the true patriotism that cherishes America's ideals and strives to narrow the gap between those ideals and reality. He took his stand explaining, "because of my love for America and the sublime principles of liberty and equality on which she is founded," he wanted "to transform the jangling discords of our Nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood." The majesty of his message, the dignity of his bearing, and the righteousness of his cause are a lasting legacy. In a few short years he changed America for all time. He made it possible for our Nation to move closer to the ideals set forth in our Declaration of Independence: that all people are created equal and are endowed with inalienable rights that government has the duty to respect and protect (*Ronald Reagan, January 21, 1986*); and

WHEREAS, each year since the King Holiday and Service Act were signed into law, Americans have marked this observance by devoting the day to service projects in their community. By renovating schools, cleaning up neighborhoods, tutoring children, donating blood, organizing food drives, or reaching out in some other way to those in need, our citizens can work together to make this a day on, not a day off, and to make their own contributions to Dr. King's legacy of services. Martin Luther King, Jr., was not content to rest on past successes or to compromise his convictions. If he were here now, he would exhort us not to grow weary in doing good but to reach out to one another in the spirit of service and forge a future in which all Americans are proud of diversity and united in our reverence for freedom, justice and equality (*William J. Clinton, January 14, 2000*); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was recognized on November 2, 1983, by the United States Congress and the President of the United States in the enactment of legislation establishing the third Monday in January as a national holiday in celebration of Dr. King's birthday beginning in 1986; and

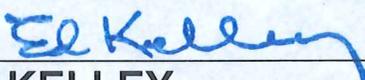
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 16, 2012, as

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY

in the City of Ormond Beach and call upon all Ormond Beach residents to join with me to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day by paying tribute to the memory of Dr. King and his legacy of peaceful accomplishment on behalf of all our citizens;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 16th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve.





ED KELLEY
Mayor