



City of Pittsburg

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Proclamation

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

JANUARY 15, 2024

WHEREAS, on January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King, Jr., was born, destined to make our world a greater and more noble one. He dedicated his life to ending the injustice of racism, gracing the world with his vision of a land guided by love instead of hatred and by acceptance instead of intolerance; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King described his goals most eloquently in his famous "I Have a Dream" speech at the historic Civil Rights March on Washington. The impassioned plea that rose from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial that summer day stirred the entire Nation, awakening people everywhere to turn from the scourge of racism to embrace the promise of opportunity and democracy for all. He prophetically described a future in which our children are judged "not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." His unparalleled commitment to justice and nonviolence challenged us to look deeply within ourselves to find the roots of racism; and

WHEREAS, throughout his all too brief life, Martin Luther King, Jr. often confronted powerful and even violent opposition, sacrificing his liberty, his personal safety, and ultimately his life for the cause of freedom. Though an assassin's bullet silenced him forever at the young age of 39, Dr. King's words and deeds continue to live on within each of us. We, the inheritors of the fundamental rights he helped to secure, are forever grateful for his legacy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Juan Antonio Banales, Mayor, on behalf of the entire City Council of the City of Pittsburg, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 15, 2024 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and call upon the residents of this community to join in rededicating ourselves to the principles of justice and equality for all.



Juan Antonio Banales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alice E. Evenson, City Clerk