



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2024-05

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service and Beyond

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice, and opportunity for all, and challenged all Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's teachings can continue to guide and inspire us in addressing challenges in our communities; and

WHEREAS, since 1994 millions of Americans have been inspired by the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to serve their neighbors and communities on the King Holiday; and

WHEREAS, serving on the King Holiday is an appropriate way to honor Dr. King; meet local and national needs; bring our residents together; and strengthen our communities and nation; and

WHEREAS, the King Day of Service is the only federal holiday commemorated as a National Day of Service, and offers an opportunity for Americans to give back to their communities on the holiday and make an ongoing commitment to service throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, residents are encouraged to make the King Holiday a day *on*, not a day off and celebrate this year's theme, "Shifting the Culture Climate through the Study and Practice of Kingian Nonviolence". Kingian Nonviolence is the sustainable solution to injustice and violence in our world, leading to the creation of the Beloved Community, where injustice ceases, and love prevails.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim January 15, 2024, as **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service and Beyond** in Charles County, and do commend this observance to all our residents.



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