

Whereas

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, the King Holiday and Service Act, enacted in 1994, designated the King Holiday as a national day of volunteer service and charged the Corporation for National and Community Services with leading this effort; 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 citizens 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, 2020 showed us that we have not yet realized the teachings of Dr. King and his goal of creating an equitable society; and

Whereas, the pandemic of 2020 has shown that racial inequality continues in both policy making and economic outcomes continues to exist in all levels of government; and

Whereas, the protests of 2020 called for a reimagining of community safety, a more just and equitable police force, and a greater degree of police accountability; and

Whereas, the law enforcement response to the insurrection that took place at our nation's Capitol on January 6th, 2021 proves the inequitable treatment of law enforcement towards BIPOC communities; and

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Whereas, the City of Portland today reaffirms our commitment to the teachings and principles of Dr. King and the City encourages all Portlanders to engage in fighting for a more just Portland; and

Whereas, with all of this in mind we call on all Portlanders to hold us accountable to the dream of Dr. King and the resolution this Council passed on June 17th, 2020 where the City committed “to being an anti-racist institution, and continues to prioritize addressing anti-Blackness and celebrating Black resilience within the City workforce and entire community.”

Now, therefore, I Mingus Mapps, City Commissioner for Portland Oregon, “The City of Roses,” do hereby proclaim January 18th, 2021 to be

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day.

Proclaim January 18, 2021 to be Martin Luther King Jr. Day
(Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler
and Commissioners Hardesty and Mapps)

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3. Hardesty		
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