

**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK PROCLAMATION  
IN HONOR OF  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

- WHEREAS,** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., supported nonviolent action to promote equal rights and economic justice worldwide; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. King's many notable speeches, sermons, and writings are among the most revered orations and writings in recent American history; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. King and many other civil rights leaders chose to organize their arguments around the contrasting ideas that the United States was a leader in promoting democracy and rights, while denying those rights to many living in America; and
- WHEREAS,** during the St. Louis Freedom Rally on March 22, 1964, Dr. King called for people to be less concerned with economic, political, and social positions and transform into a "beautiful symphony of brotherhood" to end racism in this Country; and
- WHEREAS,** members of the College Park community strive to achieve the vision of Dr. King, who said that "we must learn to live together as brothers, or we will all perish together as fools;" and
- WHEREAS,** this month, the City will honor and commemorate Dr. King's legacy and his fight for social justice in many ways, including providing Paint Branch Elementary School, Hollywood Elementary School and City Hall with eight in person assemblies presenting the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and a program on the history of African American Women in the U.S.; hosting a food drive to benefit those in need in College Park, and giving books that celebrate Dr. King's work to College Park children.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT ON** Monday, January 15, 2024, the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park join in recognizing the social and spiritual accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the 31st Annual College Park Tribute that will carry forward his spirit and optimism and strengthen our commitment to justice.

SO PROCLAIMED this 7<sup>TH</sup> day of January, 2025.

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Fazlul Kabir, Mayor  
City of College Park