



CITY OF RIVERDALE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the struggle for freedom and equality has deep roots in the Quad City community, from the 1857 Dred Scott decision to the current social justice movement and countless events and contributions in between.

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. contributed significantly to the identity and culture of our great nation through his contributions towards creating a more just and equitable world for all.

WHEREAS, Dr. King's vision of America is still an important and laudable dream to strive for.

WHEREAS, the 1994 King Holiday and Service Act (Act) charges all Americans to honor the birthday of Dr. King by engaging in "activities reflecting the life and teachings of Martin Luther King, Jr., such as cooperation and understanding among racial and ethnic groups, nonviolent conflict resolution, equal economic and educational opportunities, and social justice."

WHEREAS, inscribed in Washington, DC on his memorial and in his own words, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

WHEREAS, all residents, visitors, and employees of the City of Riverdale are encouraged to, in the honor of Dr. King, and spirit of the Act, engage in activities as they best see fit to move our community, our State, and our Nation towards these laudable ideals that Dr. King espoused, affecting all people in a positive manner.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Anthony Heddlesten, Mayor of the City of Riverdale, Iowa, do hereby proclaim January 17th, 2022

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

as a Day of Service in Riverdale, and call upon the people of our community to pay tribute to the life and works of Dr. King not only on this day, but throughout the entire year.

Anthony Heddlesten, Mayor

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