



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is remembered for dedicating his life to an unyielding faith and passion for justice and racial harmony, by championing the principles this nation was built upon and a strong commitment to his belief of freedom, equality and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King endured imprisonment and adversity to achieve change that would alter the course of history with his leadership and practice of non-violence which continues to inspire this nation and the world to reaffirm the importance of education as the foundation to end prejudice and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's accomplishments as a clergyman, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, author and advocate for securing the enactment of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the 1965 Voting Rights Act and the 1968 Fair Housing Act emphasize the principles of equality as a cornerstone of our democracy; and

WHEREAS, August 28, 2013 marked the fiftieth anniversary of Dr. King's historic "I Have a Dream" speech, which called for an end to racism in the United States; and

WHEREAS, this year we honor his legacy and encourage all residents to observe this holiday by acts and deeds of service within your community in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday and the New Jersey Martin Luther King Commemorative Commission's Annual King Day Celebration;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

JANUARY 18, 2016

AS

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

in New Jersey and urge residents to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Dr. King's exemplary achievements.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twelfth day of January in the year two thousand sixteen, the two hundred fortieth year of the Independence of the United States.

Chris Christie

LT. GOVERNOR

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