

# PROCLAMATION

## MISSOULA COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MISSOULA, MONTANA

**WHEREAS**, activist and civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose birth we celebrate on the third Monday of January, was the third person in U.S. history to be recognized by a federal holiday; and

**WHEREAS**, through his courage and powerful message of hope and nonviolence, he devoted his life to addressing injustice, racism and fear with peaceful protests, unity and understanding, moving millions of Americans to enact profound social changes; and

**WHEREAS**, he endured imprisonment and adversity in the form of verbal and physical attacks, threats and arrests and ultimately was assassinated in an effort to diminish his great dream of freedom and equality for all people; and

**WHEREAS**, our nation remembers Dr. King's commitment to the principles of this nation, which he championed through his unyielding faith in justice and unwavering belief in freedom and equality for all; and

**WHEREAS**, Missoula County and the City of Missoula strive to be welcoming and inclusive communities where we continue to deepen our understanding and practice of providing equal dignity, respect and opportunity for all who live and visit here; and

**WHEREAS** Dr. King's legacy and writings teach us that we are ultimately measured not by where we stand in moments of comfort and convenience but by what we take on during times of challenge and controversy.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we, the Missoula Board of County Commissioners and Mayor Andrea Davis, do hereby recognize Jan. 20, 2025, as

## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

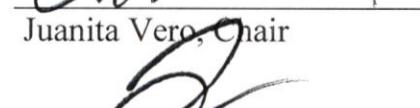
and invite all citizens to consider this quote of Dr. King's: "life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'what are you doing for others?'"

DATED THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2025

CITY OF MISSOULA

  
Andrea Davis, Mayor

MISSOULA COUNTY  
  
Juanita Vero, Chair

  
Josh Slotnick, Commissioner

  
David Strohmaier, Commissioner