

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** Through Martin Luther King Jr.'s 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, 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,** we strive to be a welcoming and inclusive community 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,** I, Andrea Davis, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, hereby recognize January 19<sup>th</sup>, the third Monday in January, 2026 as:

## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, to be affixed at Missoula, Montana, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year two thousand twenty-six.



Andrea Davis  
Mayor