



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 15, 1929 and spent his life fighting for equality and civil rights for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 for his work in the civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee on April 4, 1968 for his dedication to this cause; and

WHEREAS, by Congressional order his birthday is celebrated throughout the United States as a National holiday, that day designated to be the third Monday in January of each year; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday was first celebrated on January 20th, 1986. Twenty three years later, our nation inaugurated its first African American President, Barack Obama, who has called on all Americans to participate in our nation's recovery and renewal by serving in our communities on this day in remembrance of Dr. King and the Dream. In 2012, he was re-elected handily despite the odds because of Dr. King's dream; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, this nation, struggling with war, disparate treatment of its people and unequal representation, continues to challenge our elected leaders on all levels to bring forward the realization of Dr. King's dream unveiled fifty one years ago, and to demonstrate that these leaders will work toward making the dream a reality by putting the needs of the people first... needs like healthcare, housing and economic recovery through job creation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Craig Cates, Mayor Clayton Lopez, Vice-Mayor and Sam Kaufman, City Commissioner of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim
January 4th, 2017 as

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States, where One Human Family is our mantra and is coincident with the teachings of Dr. King. We would like to urge all citizens, residents and visitors of our Southernmost City to join together in a memorial celebration of the life of this great man by rededicating ourselves to his principles of equality and justice.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 18th day of January 2016.

Craig Cates, MAYOR

Sam Kaufman, CITY COMMISSIONER

Clayton L. Lopez, CITY COMMISSIONER