



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 15, 1929, spent his life fighting for equality and civil rights for all Americans, and 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 because of his dedication to this cause, and by Congressional order his birthday is celebrated throughout the United States as a national holiday, designated to be the third Monday in January of each year; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday was first celebrated on January 20th 1986 and twenty-three years later, our nation inaugurated its first African-American president, Barack Obama, who has called upon all Americans to participate by serving in our communities on this day in remembrance of Dr. King and his "dream."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DANISE HENRIQUEZ, MAYOR of the City of Key West, along with our City Commissioners do hereby proclaim Monday, January 19, 2026 as

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States." I would like to urge all citizens, residents, and visitors of our Southernmost City to participate fittingly in the observation.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 6th day of January 2026


Danise Henriquez, Mayor


Aaron Castillo, Commissioner

