



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 in our nation's recovery and renewal by serving in our communities on this day in remembrance of Dr. King and his "dream." In 2012, Obama was reelected handily because of the foundation laid by Dr. King's dream; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, this nation, struggling with war, disparate treatment of its people and unequal representation, challenges our elected leaders on all levels to bring forward the realization of Dr. King's dream unveiled fifty-five years ago, to demand that they will work to put the needs of the people first and acknowledge that Black lives matter as much as all lives.

Now, Therefore, I, Mayor Teri Johnston, and the entire City Commission do hereby proclaim
January 20, 2020 as

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 7th day of January 2020.

Teri Johnston, Mayor _____

Sam Kaufman, Vice Mayor _____

Mary Lou Hoover, City Commissioner _____

Jimmy Weekley, City Commissioner _____

Billy Wardlow, City Commissioner _____

Gregory Davila, City Commissioner _____

Clayton L. Lopez, City Commissioner _____