

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr. was a pivotal figure in the Civil Rights Movement and received several hundred awards for his leadership in this movement; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 1955, after civil rights activist Rosa Parks refused to comply with Montgomery's segregation policy on buses, African-American residents launched a bus boycott and elected Martin Luther King, Jr. as president of the newly-formed Montgomery Improvement Association; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr. was an inspirational leader with the Montgomery, Alabama Civil Rights Movements, which was one of the first great battles won in the South; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King was a vigilant advocate of non-violence and direct action as methods of social change. He conducted workshops in non-violent techniques. In 1963, Dr. King led the Birmingham, Alabama movement, where local police officials were known for their violent opposition to integration, which led to the arrests of more than 3,300 African Americans, including Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed when President Johnson responded to the Birmingham protests and submitted broad civil rights legislation to Congress. In December 1964, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his work with the Civil Rights Movement.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Zarosinski, Mayor of Medford, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 20, 2025 as

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

and encourage all citizens of Medford to observe this day as a day to remember, celebrate and act, and to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for devoting his life to the Civil Rights Movement, sharing in his dream of freedom for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,
I hereunto set my hand this
15th day of January 2025.



Michael Zarosinski
Mayor