



PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dedicated his life to the pursuit of equality, social justice, and opportunity for all, while tirelessly working to eliminate racism through non-violent social change and challenging all Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King became the eloquent and unwavering voice of the American civil rights movement, whose powerful speeches and peaceful activism brought about monumental progress toward racial equality and justice, contributing to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's teachings continue to inspire and guide us in addressing challenges in our communities and reminding us of our nation's fundamental belief that all people "are created equal and should be judged not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character"; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 1983, federal legislation established the third Monday in January as a legal holiday to honor the life of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the King Holiday and Service Act, enacted in 1994, established this day not only as a time of reflection but also as the only federal holiday designated as a National Day of Volunteer Service, encouraging citizens to honor Dr. King's legacy through acts of service to others.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS of the City of Fircrest, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 20, 2025, as

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

in the City of Fircrest and encourage our community to honor his legacy through acts of service, promoting peace, and continuing to live his dream daily by striving to work towards a world where everyone is treated with dignity, respect, and equality.

Passed this 14th day of January 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Reynolds". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shannon Reynolds, Mayor