

# PROCLAMATION

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## Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day January 17, 2022

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., born on January 15, 1929, devoted his life to justice and equality for people of all races and economic standing through non-violent means, which led to the establishment of many federal and local laws prohibiting discrimination and fostering human rights; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King believed that service was “the soul’s highest purpose,” and was the path to happiness and greatness; and the King Holiday and Service Act, enacted in 1994, designated the King holiday as a national day of volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, since 1994, millions of Americans have been inspired to serve their neighbors and communities by the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and serving on the King holiday is an appropriate way to honor Dr. King, meet local and national needs, bring our citizens together, and strengthen our communities and nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King stated in his speech, “I say to you today, my friends, though, even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream that one day this nation will rise up, live out the true meaning of its creed: ‘We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal;’” and

WHEREAS, Dr. King once said, “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is: ‘What are you doing for others?’” leading communities across the country to answer that question by coming together to honor Dr. King by helping their neighbors and communities through thousands of service projects spread across all 50 states;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alexander D. Johnson II, Mayor of the City of Albany, do hereby proclaim January 17, 2022, as

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in Albany, Oregon, and call upon all our citizens to commemorate the day with appropriate observances. I encourage the residents of the City of Albany, Oregon, to be of service to someone, a church or a community agency that serves others in order to reflect on Dr. King’s legacy, and to recognize area students and community members who continue to work towards the dreams, ideals, and service for which he stood.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Albany to be affixed this 12th day of January 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Johnson II", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Alexander D. Johnson II, Mayor