



## *Proclamation*

### **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY OF SERVICE MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice, and opportunity for all, and challenged all Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. King's teachings can continue to guide and inspire us in addressing challenges in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the King Holiday and Service Act, enacted in 1994, designated the King Holiday as a national day of volunteer service, and charged the Corporation for National and Community Service with leading this effort; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1994 millions of Americans have been inspired by the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to serve their neighbors and communities on the King Holiday; and

**WHEREAS**, 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**, the King Day of Service is the only federal holiday commemorated as a national day of service, and offers an opportunity for Americans to give back to their communities on the holiday and make an ongoing commitment to service throughout the year; and

**WHEREAS**, King Day of Service projects are being organized by a wide range of nonprofit and community organizations, educational institutions, public agencies, private businesses, and other organizations across the nation; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim Monday, January 15, 2024, as Martin Luther King, Jr., Day and commend its observation through participation in a day of service.

**ADOPTED** the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024.

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Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

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Mark A. Letson, Chairman