



Proclamation

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY OF SERVICE MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017

WHEREAS, recognizing that Martin Luther King, Jr., during a time of deep division in our nation, devoted his life to securing equal justice and opportunity for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, acknowledging that his efforts were guided by the principles of non-violence and shaped by his deep faith in the power of love to transform, in his words, “an enemy into a friend”; and

WHEREAS, appreciating his challenge to us to “walk in the light of creative altruism” rather than “the destructive darkness of selfishness”; and

WHEREAS, agreeing that “life’s most persistent and urgent question is ‘What are you doing for others?’”; and

WHEREAS, recalling that a national holiday in his name was signed into law by Ronald Reagan, a Republican, and was later declared a national day of service by William Clinton, a Democrat; and

WHEREAS, aware that numerous organizations, institutions and individuals across the nation and in Jackson County will be engaging in a variety of acts designed to be of service to their fellow residents on the designated day of that observance;

NOW THEREFORE, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim Monday, January 16, 2017, as Martin Luther King, Jr., Day and commend its observation through participation in a day of service.

ADOPTED the 9th day of January, 2017.

Attest:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

Brian T. McMahan, Chairman