

# Proclamation

## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

January 15, 2024

**WHEREAS,** on November 2, 1983, President Ronald Regan signed a bill into law recognizing the third Monday of January as Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a Federal holiday in America. The City of Colorado Springs commends the newly formed Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Preservation Society, a non-profit organization established to honor and perpetuate the remarkable contributions of the iconic civil rights leader, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. here in Colorado Springs. The MLK Legacy Preservation Society is pleased to continue a tradition created by Colorado College and host the All People's Breakfast to provide an opportunity for members of the community to gather in recognition of the remarkable life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia became a civil rights pioneer who dedicated his life to giving voice to the voiceless, advancing freedom, equality, and justice for all through peaceful protest and nonviolent resistance while firmly believing that the moral arc of the universe would bend towards justice; and

**WHEREAS,** on August 28, 1963, Dr. King delivered the "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. A dream he believed would become a reality in which all human beings would be celebrated and valued by the content of their character and not devalued solely by the color of their skin. This speech touched the soul of our nation and became one of the defining moments of the civil rights movement; and

**WHEREAS,** on Martin Luther King Jr. Day we honor an American who fought and died on a quest to end segregation and discrimination and made it his life's purpose to right those wrongs in favor of justice, freedom, equality, fairness, and reconciliation. We also recognize the dedicated volunteers and community members here in Colorado Springs who continue to carry on his legacy.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** The Mayor and City Council of Colorado Springs, do hereby proclaim January 15, 2024 as

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in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and urge all citizens to observe this day with appropriate civic, community, and service projects in honor of Dr. King.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** we have hereunto set our hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed this ninth day of January 2024.

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Blessing "Yemi" Mobolade, Mayor  
City of Colorado Springs

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Randy Helms, President  
Colorado Springs City Council