

# *Proclamation*

## **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**

**January 18, 2021**

**WHEREAS,** on November 2, 1983, President Ronald Regan signed a bill into law annually recognizing the third Monday of January as Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a Federal holiday in America. Similar legislation was signed by Governor Dick Lamm on April 4, 1985 to recognize the holiday in Colorado; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia and became an American icon and hero to millions, propelled by his powerful and inspiring message of peaceful protest and nonviolent resistance; and

**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,** on August 28, 1963, Dr. King delivered the famous "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. which became one of the defining moments of the civil rights movement. In the speech, he said "We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of Now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy,"; and

**WHEREAS,** on Martin Luther King Jr. Day we honor an American who recognized the great injustice of segregation and discrimination, and made it his life's purpose and toil to right those wrongs in favor of justice, freedom, equality, fairness, and reconciliation.; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Richard Skorman, President of the Colorado Springs City Council, do hereby proclaim January 18, 2021 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,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed this twelfth day of January, 2021.



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Richard Skorman, President  
Colorado Springs City Council