

City of Colorado Springs, Colorado

Proclamation

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

January 16, 2023

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, a Federal holiday in America. The City of Colorado Springs commends Colorado College for their steadfast commitment in hosting the annual All People's Breakfast which provides an opportunity for members of the community to gather in recognition of the 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 an American icon who dedicated his life to advancing freedom, equality, justice for all, and through peaceful protest, nonviolent resistance, all while challenging the conscience of the nation in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union; 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 wished would one day actualize into a reality in which all human beings would be celebrated and valued by their individual character and not devalued by the hue of their skin. This speech touched the soul of the America 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 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. 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 16, 2023 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 tenth day of January 2023.

John W. Suthers, Mayor
City of Colorado Springs

Tom Strand, President
Colorado Springs City Council