

Proclamation

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

January 19, 2026

- WHEREAS,** on this Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we gather as a city united in remembrance, reflection, and recommitment to the dream of justice, peace, and Beloved Community envisioned by the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; and
- WHEREAS,** Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a courageous leader, pastor, and advocate whose life and legacy continue to inspire generations through his unwavering commitment to justice, equality, and nonviolent social change; and
- WHEREAS,** Martin Luther King Jr. Day is observed as a National Day of Service, reminding us that honoring Dr. King's legacy requires action; through volunteerism, civic engagement, and a shared commitment to building stronger, more people-centered and welcoming communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Colorado Springs gathers in partnership with the MLK Legacy Preservation Society for the annual All People's Breakfast, a longstanding and sacred space for unity and courageous compassion, and this year's theme *Mission Possible II: Uniting a Nation. Building a Future. The Nonviolent Way*, serves as both a call to reflection and a charge for action; and
- WHEREAS,** we are deeply honored to welcome Yolanda Renee King, the only grandchild of Dr. King and Coretta Scott King, as this year's keynote speaker; and
- WHEREAS,** Yolanda Renee King embodies the living legacy of her grandparents not only through her lineage, but through her voice, vision, and fearless commitment to nonviolence, unity, and youth-led social change; carrying forward the torch of justice and love, as a guiding light toward a more just future; and
- WHEREAS,** her presence reminds us that Dr. King's dream is not confined to history, but alive advancing through a new generation that dares to hope, to speak, and to act with courage, compassion, and a commitment to the command good.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Mayor and City Council of Colorado Springs, do hereby proclaim January 19, 2026, as

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in the City of Colorado Springs, let this proclamation be a reminder that the work continues not just in Washington, not just in Atlanta, but right here in Olympic City USA. Let us recommit ourselves, in word and deed, to building a beloved community where peace is practiced, justice is pursued, and dignity is afforded to all. I call upon our residents to reflect anew on the words of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who once said, *"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed this nineteenth day of January 2026.

Blessing "Yemi" Mobolade, Mayor
City of Colorado Springs

Lynette Crow-Iverson, President