



# PROCLAMATION

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY

January 15, 2018

- WHEREAS:** Throughout history, America has been blessed with men and women with courage and vision, leading us in time of turmoil, shaping our values, challenging us to our full potential, and a few, like the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., have done all of that for us; and
- WHEREAS:** Dr. King's message of peace and service and his dream of a world free from prejudice and injustice live on; they have not been forgotten since his tragic death on April 4, 1968; and
- WHEREAS:** Martin Luther King, Jr., pursued ideals of equality through non-violence and inspired many in America to share his dreams; and
- WHEREAS:** Service to others creates a bond that unites us as citizens and helps us turn vision into reality, working for a common good; and
- WHEREAS:** Dr. King believed that a person's worth should not be based on his or her color, culture, or class, but rather by commitment to creating a better life for all, by living a life of service for others; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Frederick pays tribute with gratitude to the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his ideals, visions, and outreach to all mankind,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael O'Connor, Mayor of The City of Frederick, do proclaim Monday, January 15, 2018, as **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day** in The City of Frederick and urge all citizens to join with me in this celebration, and take this opportunity to live out Dr. King's message of justice and equality for all, and pursue the ideal of one America. I further urge all citizens to follow Dr. King's mission of service to others, by collaborating on projects that will benefit our community.**

Mayor Michael O'Connor

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Kelly Russell, President Pro-Tem.,  
Derek Shackelford, Roger Wilson,  
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