



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to human rights, social justice, nonviolence, and creating the Beloved Community; and

WHEREAS, the life and work of Dr. King continues to compel millions of North Carolinians and Americans to work tirelessly for justice and peace in every community; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, the United States Congress designated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a national day of service, and charged the Corporation for National and Community Service with leading this effort; and

WHEREAS, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service offers an opportunity for Americans to give back to their communities and make an ongoing commitment to service throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, people are encouraged to participate in local events across North Carolina throughout the week of January 21, 2019, in honor and remembrance of Dr. King; state employees, businesses, and volunteers of all ages will join in this observance by helping to rebuild homes, cleaning parks and trails, contributing to community-based service initiatives, mentoring youth, and supporting efforts to improve the lives of their fellow North Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is also an opportunity for all people to recommit ourselves to loving our neighbors, ending poverty, creating equitable economic opportunities, and taking nonviolent, direct action against hatred, racism, and oppression of any kind; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission was established by the General Assembly in 1993 to further awareness and understanding of Dr. King's legacy; the Commission encourages people to commemorate the fundamental importance of freedom in our lives with a bell ringing ceremony on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a tradition inspired by Dr. King's widow, Mrs. Coretta Scott King; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins in celebrating Dr. King as an incomparable civil rights leader, and in honoring his life and legacy by promoting justice, peace, service, and community engagement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 21, 2019, as "**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this seventeenth day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.