



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to the advancement of civil rights and public service. He believed in a nation of freedom and justice for all, and challenged all citizens to help build a more perfect union and live up to the purpose and potential of America; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King recognized that everyone can be great because everyone can serve, and during his lifetime encouraged all Americans to serve their neighbors and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's legacy is honored each year on the third Monday of January; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Congress initiated The King Day of Service, a nationwide effort to transform the federal holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. into a day of community service, grounded in Dr. King's teachings, that helps solve social problems while focusing on bringing people together and breaking down the barriers that have divided us as a nation; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of volunteers in cities and towns across the nation participate in King Day service projects in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, the King Day of Service, which falls on January 15th this year, is a time for the people of Little Elm to recognize Dr. King's teachings on advancing equality and opportunity for all by contributing their own time and talents in a day of service; and

WHEREAS, the King Day of Service is an excellent opportunity to take the first step in making service a regular activity in the lives of Little Elm residents. It is an important day to encourage each citizen to take part in service that will benefit communities and neighborhoods and provide a fitting memorial to the life of Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Little Elm salutes members of historically African American fraternities and sororities who have made community service an integral part of their missions including Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi, Phi Beta Sigma, and Iota Phi Theta Fraternities and Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Phi Beta, and Sigma Gamma Rho Sororities.

NOW, THEREFORE, we declare January 15, 2024 as **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

of Service 2024 and urge residents to honor the memory of Dr. King, to put his teachings into action, and to find ways to give back to their community.

Given under my hand and Seal of the Town of Little Elm, Texas, this 16th day of January, 2024.

Curtis J. Cornelious, Mayor of Little Elm