

Borough of Keyport Proclamation

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

JANUARY 20, 2025

WHEREAS, Each year the third Monday in January is recognized and observed as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, also known as the King Holiday Observance or MLK Day of Service, in honor of the life and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., an individual known for his exceptional integrity and courage of convictions to advocate nonviolently for social and economic justice; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King drew inspiration from both his Christian faith and the peaceful teachings of Mahatma Gandhi and is credited for his nonviolent leadership in the American Civil Rights Movement, from December 1955 until his tragic death on April 4, 1968; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his nonviolent activism, like leading the "March on Washington," Dr. King was one of the most revered modern orators and writers best known for his "I Have a Dream" speech, Nobel Peace Prize lecture, and "Letter from a Birmingham Jail"; and

WHEREAS, Despite division and political and cultural opposition, Dr. King set an excellent example of leadership and courage by providing a vision of a society where all people would be treated with respect and dignity, and his teachings remain relevant to the progress of humankind today; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King is remembered as a social change leader that inspired the nation to act on civil rights, and he is the only non-President to have a national holiday dedicated in his honor and be memorialized on the Great Mall in the nation's capital; and

WHEREAS, This year the MLK Day theme is 'Mission Possible: Protecting Freedom, Justice, and Democracy in the Spirit of Nonviolence³⁶⁵,' which serves as a compass for the work and programming of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change ("The King Center"), which was established in 1968 by Mrs. Coretta Scott King. The pioneering work of Dr. King and the King Center demonstrates that nonviolence is the sustainable solution to injustice and violence in the world; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2025, this great nation, the State of New Jersey, and the Borough of Keyport honored the memory and legacy of the distinguished Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his dream of a more equal and just society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rose P. Araneo, Mayor, along with the Borough Council, hereby issue this Proclamation to celebrate the life and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and I hereby request that we honor his memory by pledging in our own lives to do everything we can to make America a place where the dream of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity will flourish.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I SET MY HAND AND SEAL
ON THIS 21st DAY OF JANUARY 2025

ROSE P. ARANEO, MAYOR
BOROUGH OF KEYPORT