



A PROCLAMATION Martin Luther King Day January 15, 2018

WHEREAS, each year America sets aside a day to remember a giant of our Nation's history and pioneer of the Civil Rights Movement;

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave mighty voice to the quiet hopes of millions, offered a redemptive path for oppressed and oppressors alike, and led a Nation to the mountaintop;

WHEREAS, behind the bars of a Birmingham jail cell, he reminded us that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere"

WHEREAS, one a hot summer day, under the shadow of the Great Emancipator, he challenged America to make good on its founding promise, and he called on every lover of freedom to walk alongside their brother and sisters;

WHEREAS, we are reminded that our journey is not complete – it is our task to build on the gains of past generations, from challenging new barriers to the vote to ensuring the scales of justice work equally for all people;

WHEREAS, Dr. King taught us that "an individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity;"

WHEREAS, in honor of this spirit, Americans across the county will come together for day of service by volunteering our time and energy, we can build stronger, healthier, more resilient communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Rusty Knox of the Town of Davidson, do hereby proclaim **January 15, 2017** as Martin Luther King Jr. Day in the Town of Davidson and encourage all citizens to observe this day with appropriate civic, community and service projects in honor of Dr. King.

Proclaimed this 9th day of January, 2018.

Rusty Knox
Mayor

Attest:

Carmen Clemsic
Town Clerk