

Proclamation Mayor Mitch Reynolds City of La Crosse

WHEREAS, January 17th marks the observance of the federal Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and the recognition of this day as a National Day of Service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King dedicated his life to the work of advancing social justice, racial equality, and civil rights for all and was a catalyst for change in our nation; and

WHEREAS, generations of leaders have worked to preserve the legacy of Dr. King by carrying on his work and his dream by strengthening our communities through education, activism and resolve to create a fairer and more equitable society, and showing us how we can all contribute in ways that will follow the path of pursuing justice and fairness in our community; and

WHEREAS, we recognize we have much work to do to improve equality among all who live in La Crosse and throughout our nation, as evidenced by current nationwide efforts to restrict voting rights as well as the existing economic inequities that have become more apparent and severe during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King Jr. day is an appropriate day for all of us to act in ways to engage others in following the path of social justice set by Dr. King;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MITCH REYNOLDS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LA CROSSE, do hereby proclaim that our entire community shall celebrate January 17th, 2022 as

"MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY"

And urge all in our community to act in ways today and every day to further the work of Dr. King and help fulfill his dream for an America that fights for and achieves true equality and justice.

Dated on this 17th day of January in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

MAYOR MITCH REYNOLDS