

# **P R O C L A M A T I O N**

## **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY**

**JANUARY 17, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the birthday of Civil Rights Leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who was born in Atlanta, Georgia on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January, 1929, will be observed on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January, 2022, to honor him and his lifetime effort to address the racial injustice of Black Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as a spiritual leader not only of his own congregation but of millions throughout the world, pursued the philosophy of non-violence in his work, and in recognition of his teachings was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said “that everybody can be great because everybody can serve”, and during his lifetime encouraged everyone to serve their neighbors and their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, his efforts to ensure racial equality for Black Americans inspired others to carry on the work that he began; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park, in embodying Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s goals as its own, encourages the community to participate in civic, community, and service programs, and to give homage to this great man by continuing his work for social justice and racial equity.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park, and the Board of Trustees urge all community members to mark the anniversary of, Dr.

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birth as a time of reflection on racial equity and to be of service to humanity.

**DATED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

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Vicki Scaman  
Village President

**ATTEST**

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Christina M. Waters  
Village Clerk