



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2025-05

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service and Beyond

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice, and opportunity for all, and challenged all Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's teachings can continue to guide and inspire us in addressing challenges in our communities; and

WHEREAS, since 1994 millions of Americans have been inspired by the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to serve their neighbors and communities on the King Holiday; and

WHEREAS, serving on the King Holiday is an appropriate way to honor Dr. King; meet local and national needs; bring our residents together; and strengthen our communities and nation; and

WHEREAS, the King Day of Service is the only federal holiday commemorated as a National Day of Service, and offers an opportunity for Americans to give back to their communities on the holiday and make an ongoing commitment to service throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, residents are encouraged to make the King Holiday a day *on*, not a day *off* and celebrate this year's theme, "Mission Possible: Protecting Freedom, Justice, and Democracy in Spirit of Nonviolence365," which honors Dr. King's unwavering dedication to justice and equality through nonviolent action.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim January 20, 2025, as **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service and Beyond** in Charles County, and remind residents that safeguarding freedom, justice, and democracy is achievable when we unite in love and nonviolence.

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