



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2026-05

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 ongoing work of building a more perfect union; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's teachings and legacy continue to guide and inspire communities in addressing challenges and work toward fairness, unity and justice; and

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

WHEREAS, the King Day of Service is the primary 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 II: Building Community, Uniting a Nation the Nonviolent Way," which honors Dr. King's unwavering dedication to justice, compassion and equality through nonviolent action.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim January 19, 2026, as **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service and Beyond** in Charles County, and encourage all residents to honor Dr King's legacy through acts of service, civic engagement, and a continued commitment to strengthening our community throughout the year.

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