



PROCLAMATION

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. Dr. King's teachings can continue to guide and inspire us in addressing challenges in our communities. We are forever indebted to him for his meaningful contributions and therefore it is proper and fitting to highlight the life of a man who has had such a profound impact on changing an entire nation.

WHEREAS, Dr. King, a leader in the American civil rights movement of the 1960's, fought for racial and economic justice and is applauded for the nonviolent approach to civil disobedience; and

WHEREAS, the King Holiday and Service Act, enacted in 1994, designated the King Holiday as a national day of volunteer service; 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 serving on the King Holiday is an appropriate way to honor Dr. King, by meeting local and national needs, bringing our citizens 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 contribute and give back to their communities on the holiday and make an ongoing commitment to increase opportunities and service for all community members throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the community members of Ankeny, Iowa have the opportunity to participate in events throughout our City on the King Day of Service, January 20, 2025, as well as create and implement community service projects where they identify the need.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bobbi Bentz, Mayor of the City of Ankeny, Iowa, do hereby proclaim January 20, 2025 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 2025 as a Day of Service in Ankeny, and call upon the people of the community to pay tribute to the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through participation in community service projects on Martin Luther King Day and throughout the year.

DATED AND SIGNED this the 20th day of January, 2025.


Bobbi B. Bentz, Mayor

ATTEST:


Michelle Yuska, City Clerk

