

CITY OF MOAB, UTAH

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. made significant and long-lasting contributions to the social and economic progress within our nation through the movement toward racial equality and civil rights for all people, no matter their race, color, creed or occupation; including the push to desegregate public and private institutions and to provide fair rights and appropriate labor laws; and

WHEREAS, through peaceful protests and nonviolent public demonstrations, Dr. King was a catalyst for change in how African Americans are treated, and stated that “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere;” and

WHEREAS, to commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. King, on November 2, 1983, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill to declare Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a federal holiday to be observed annually on the third Monday of January, to represent Dr. King’s birthday; and

WHEREAS, Moab City recognizes and honors the contributions made by Dr. King and pledges to promote universal respect for and observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the civil rights guaranteed to all residents throughout Moab and **our nation**; and

WHEREAS, as we honor Dr. King this month, which would have been Dr. King’s 90th birthday, it is appropriate for us to recognize and pay tribute to his inclusive civil rights work for all communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Emily S. Niehaus, Mayor of the City of Moab, do hereby join with community members in proclaiming Monday January 20, 2020 as

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

and urge community and faith leaders, civil rights advocates, educators, public officials, and all people of Moab City to recognize and remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his dream for a greater America.

Mayor Emily S. Niehaus *January 14, 2020*

Sommar Johnson, City Recorder *January 14, 2020*