



**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
Ozaukee County, Wisconsin**

**PROCLAMATION
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**

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

WHEREAS, Dr. King believed immensely in the power of individual action and collective hope to create a brighter future, and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's legacy includes such landmark United States federal laws as the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the Fair Housing Act of 1968 and created a framework to ensure equality and advance justice in the years ahead, and

WHEREAS, Dr. King taught us to see the commonality of our dreams, our hopes and our fears - the threads, truths and dignity that bind us together as human beings, and

WHEREAS, Dr. King believed that "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice" – and that it requires all hands and all hearts to keep its course straight and true, and

WHEREAS, we recognize the urgent need to model Dr. Martin Luther King's pursuit of unity, equity and justice as also desired by demonstrators across the world and in our neighborhoods in response to the oppression, brutality, and systemic racism that continues to plague our marginalized communities, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Port Washington, does hereby proclaim January 18, 2021 as **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY** – a day to seek inspiration for personal action by honoring the great legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and by observing this United States Federal Holiday to **CELEBRATE, EDUCATE, ADVOCATE, and SERVE**.

FURTHER, We encourage all to observe this United States Federal Holiday with unifying civic and community activities to **CELEBRATE, EDUCATE, ADVOCATE, and SERVE** in memory of Dr. King. On 18th day of January 2021, by the City of Port Washington.

Dated this 5th day of January, 2021.



Martin T. Becker, Mayor