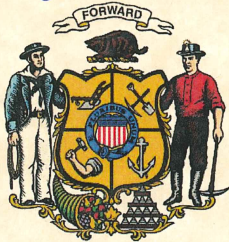


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 15, 1929, and was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968, leaving behind a legacy of civil rights advocacy that continues to fundamentally influence the fabric of American culture and society; and

WHEREAS; through his ardent activism and profound oration, Dr. King became a leading icon of the United States' civil rights movement, alongside people like Rosa Parks, Malcolm X, and Vel Phillips; and

WHEREAS; Dr. King dedicated his life to ensuring equal rights for all people through nonviolent protest and civil disobedience, and between the years 1957 and 1968, Dr. King wrote five books and various articles, delivered countless speeches, and traveled over six million miles to address injustice at its root; and

WHEREAS; Dr. King's legacy, the numerous movements he led, and the seminal works he left behind, such as his "I Have a Dream" and "I See the Promised Land" speeches and his written pieces like "Letter from Birmingham Jail" and "Pilgrimage to Nonviolence," laid the foundation for a collective recognition of structural inequality as well as contemporary advocacy toward the full realization of equity and justice for all people; and

WHEREAS; each year, the state of Wisconsin honors the legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by hosting the oldest state ceremony celebrating his life and work, and this year's theme is "Stand for Justice"; and

WHEREAS; today, on this federal holiday, the state of Wisconsin rejects bigotry and intolerance in all its manifestations and recommits itself to addressing pervasive institutional inequities and expanding opportunity and inclusion for Wisconsinites of all cultural backgrounds and identities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim January 20, 2020, as

THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the
Great Seal of the state of Wisconsin to
be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the
City of Madison this 8th day of January
2020.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State