WHEREAS the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 15, 1929, to the Reverend Martin Luther King, Sr. and Alberta Williams King; and

WHEREAS the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. dedicated his life to improving the lives of all people through the use of nonviolence and peaceful protests; and

WHEREAS on April 3, 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his “I’ve Been to the Mountaintop” speech reminding individuals of the importance of unity; and

WHEREAS on April 4, 1968, the life of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was ended tragically by an assassin’s bullet at the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Holiday was signed into law on November 3, 1983, making this a federal holiday celebrated throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS Wisconsin hosts the oldest official state ceremony celebrating the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the theme of this year’s celebration is “Truth is Marching”;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,

do hereby proclaim Monday, January 21, 2019, as

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

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of 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 18th day of January 2019.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State