



Proclamation Celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to the expansion of civil rights and public service to all Americans – such as his heroic leadership in the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott, the 1957 Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the 1963 March on Washington, and the Selma to Montgomery marches in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King sacrificed his life for equality, justice, and freedom for all and challenged all Americans to help build a more perfect union and live up to the purpose and potential of our nation; and,

WHEREAS, we have yet to realize Dr. King’s dream as Black, Indigenous, and other people of color continue to face systemic inequities and deep disparities across different aspects of our society—from health outcomes to economic advancement to interactions with our criminal justice system; and,

WHEREAS, Albemarle County has invested in creating a more equitable and inclusive society by centering Community as an organizational value which states that “we expect diversity, equity, and inclusion to be integrated into how we live our mission” to serve all members of our community; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby honor and celebrate January 18, 2021 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and urge our employees and residents to work towards his vision for a more equitable society for everyone in our community.

Signed this 6th day of January, 2021

Ned Gallaway, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors