

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the American civil rights movement has brought forth significant advancements in the areas of civil and human rights for all citizens, and especially for this nation's poor and minority populations; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. rose to a universally recognized position of leadership in the civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, much of the success of the movement can be directly attributed to the dedicated and inspired leadership provided by Dr. King; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's death, at the hands of an assassin on April 4, 1968, was a tragic loss to the movement as well as the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council wishes to designate a period of time to commemorate the contributions of Dr. King in the fields of peace and human rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, January 15, 2008 as:

"MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY"

in the City of Alexandria, in observance of his numerous contributions to the American way of life.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that this commemoration of Dr. King's birthday shall serve as a reminder of an opportunity for recommitment by all persons to the goals sought by Dr. King in the fields of civil and human rights and peace.

BE IT FINALLY PROCLAIMED, that the Alexandria City Council expresses its appreciation to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Planning Committee for 34 years of service, and encourages the Committee to continue to organize annual observances to commemorate Dr. King's vast contributions to the American people.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 8th day of January 2008.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk

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WHEREAS, Alice P. Morgan initiated the City of Alexandria's commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1973; and

WHEREAS, her pioneering spirit led the City of Alexandria to annually honor Dr. King years before the holiday was officially recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia or by the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Morgan has made the City of Alexandria's Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Memorial Service a central part of her life for 35 years; and

WHEREAS, she has cultivated a memorial service in which, as Dr. King said, "the varied faces of our people are intermingled like the waters of a river;" and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Morgan has developed the memorial program into an event which has inspired generations of children and youth with Dr. King's dream; and

WHEREAS, she has assured that donations flow from the Memorial Program to support the work of the interfaith volunteers of ALIVE! who help those in need in Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the tireless efforts and persistent work of Alice Morgan over 35 years exemplifies the work called for by Dr. King to take the neighborhood of our world, and through our moral and spiritual genius to make of it a brotherhood;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby express deep appreciation and gratitude for the leadership, service and inspiration that Alice P. Morgan has given to all of us by keeping the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the forefront of our community life in the City of Alexandria.

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