



Proclamation

Whereas, January 19, 2009 is a Federal holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., during which time the nation pauses to recognize and appreciate the resounding impact that Dr. King had on our national psyche; and

Whereas, on January 19, 2009 the nation will recommit itself to Dr. King's dream of an America where the dignity of every person is respected and where people are judged not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character; and

Whereas, when Martin Luther King, Jr., came to the nation's capital in the summer of 1963, he came to inspire America and to call on its citizens to live up to the principles of its founding; and

Whereas, Dr. King's dream was one of hope, justice and brotherhood, which took hold in the hearts of men and women across the county and continues to speak to millions both at home and abroad; and

Whereas, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day affords our nation an opportunity to take pride in the strides that have been made towards Dr. King's vision, and give us a chance to recognize and remember that considerable work remains to be done; and

Whereas, on January 19, 2009 we reflect on the legal equality championed by Dr. King as well as all the heroes of the civil rights movement, and we acknowledge the need for us to continue our work to protect the promise of our Declaration of Independence and guarantee the equal rights of every citizen; and

Now, therefore, I, John "Jack" Brady, Mayor of the City of North Lauderdale, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter and Code of Ordinances of the City of North Lauderdale, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 19, 2009, as

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

I do hereby further encourage all residents to observe this special day with appropriate civic, community, and service programs and activities in honor of Dr. King's life and legacy.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 13 day of January 2009

CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

By _____
Mayor Jack Brady