Sample City Proclamation for 2016 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice, and opportunity for all, and challenged all Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union; and

Whereas, Dr. King's teachings can continue to guide and inspire us in addressing challenges in our communities; and

Whereas, the King Holiday and Service Act, enacted in 1994, designated the King Holiday as a national day of a volunteer service, and charged the Corporation for National and Community Service with leading this effort; and

Whereas, since 1994 millions of Americans have been inspired by the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to serve their neighbors and communities on the King Holiday; and

Whereas, serving on the King Holiday is an appropriate way to honor Dr. King, meet local and national needs, bring our citizens together, and strengthen our communities and nation; and

Whereas, the King Day of Service is the only federal holiday commemorated as a national day of service, and offers an opportunity for Americans to give back to their communities on the holiday and make an ongoing commitment to service throughout the year; and

Whereas, King Day of Service projects are being organized by a wide range of nonprofit and community organizations, educational institutions, public agencies, private businesses, and other organizations across the nation; and

Whereas, each of us can and must contribute to making our communities better with increased opportunity for all our citizens, and

Whereas, citizens of [STATE/CITY/COUNTY] have the opportunity to participate in events throughout our city on the King Day of Service, January 18, 2016, as well as create and implement community service projects where they identify the need;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, [Name], [Governor/Mayor/Leader/Executive] of [State/City/County] proclaim the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday as a Day of Service in (City), and call upon the people of the [State/City/County] to pay tribute to the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through participation in community service projects on Martin Luther King Day and throughout the year.