



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. made historic contributions to the social and economic progress of our nation through the struggle toward racial equality and civil rights; and

**WHEREAS**, through protests and public demonstrations, Dr. King was a catalyst for change in how Black Americans are treated, and stated that “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere;” and

**WHEREAS**, to commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. King, on November 2, 1983, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill to declare Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a federal holiday to be observed annually on the third Monday of January, to represent Dr. King’s birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, Salt Lake County recognizes and honors the contributions made by Dr. King and pledges to promote universal respect for and observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the civil rights guaranteed to all residents throughout Salt Lake County and our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin Luther King Jr. Day has come to represent a national day of service and an opportunity for residents and organizations in Salt Lake County to build bridges and continue the struggle toward what Dr. King called a “Beloved Community;” and

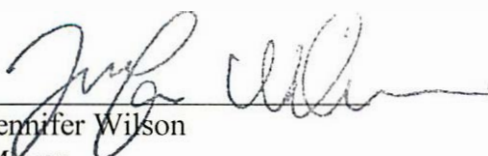
**WHEREAS**, as we honor Dr. King and his pursuit of justice for all people, no matter their race, color, creed or occupation; including the push to desegregate public and private institutions and to provide fair rights and appropriate labor laws for union members

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jennifer Wilson, Mayor of Salt Lake County, do hereby join with our entire community in proclaiming Monday, January 18, 2021, as

### **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

and urge community and faith leaders, civil rights advocates, educators, public officials, and all people of Salt Lake County to recognize and remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his dream for a better America that champions equality and justice.

Adopted on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

  
Jennifer Wilson  
Mayor

