

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION 2024 –

**WHEREAS, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,** born January 15, 1929, devoted his life to justice and equality for people of all races and economic standings through non-violent means, which led to the establishment of many laws prohibiting discrimination and fostering human rights; and

**WHEREAS,** celebrating **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,** life and spirit through community-wide recognitions and service on the holiday is an appropriate way to honor **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,** bringing our citizens together, and strengthening our communities and nation; and

**WHEREAS, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,** and the Civil Rights Movement helped change public policy from segregation to integration, resulting in the repeal of the Post-Reconstruction Era state laws mandating racial segregation in the South known as the “Jim Crow Laws,” and the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and other antidiscrimination laws aimed at ending economic, legal, and social segregation in America; and

**WHEREAS, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,** believed that service was “the soul’s highest purpose,” and was the path to happiness and greatness; and

**WHEREAS, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,** once said, “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is: ‘What are you doing for others?,” leading communities across the country to answer that question by coming together to honor **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,** by helping their neighbors and communities through thousands of service projects spread across all 50 states; and

**WHEREAS,** today, **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,** is remembered for his belief in a world where the dignity of every person is respected, where people are judged not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character; and where the hope of a better tomorrow is in every neighborhood.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim January 15, 2024, as **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY** in Hernando County.

**SECTION 2.** The Board of County Commissioners urges all citizens to join and pay tribute to the life and works of **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,** and apply his life teachings of service to inspire others to serve and remember his spirit of community.

**ADOPTED** in Regular Session this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024, A.D.

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Attest:

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