

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

Martin Luther King, Jr Day

Menomonie, Wisconsin

JANUARY 15, 2024

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr. was a passionate activist, outstanding leader, and inspiring pastor who devoted his life to advancing equality, justice, and opportunity for all people; and

WHEREAS, he was driven by a deep-rooted belief that a person's worth ought not be measured by their skin color or culture, but rather by the content and quality of his or her character; and

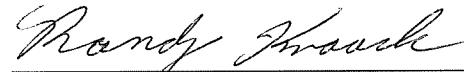
WHEREAS, Dr. King's teachings can continue to guide and inspire us in addressing challenges in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King encouraged Americans to come together, regardless of age, race, or creed, to strengthen their communities, alleviate poverty, and value the dignity and respect inherent in all people. Through his example, he taught the values of courage, truth, justice, compassion, dignity, humility, service, and brotherhood; and,

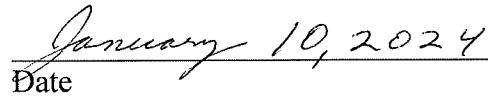
WHEREAS, in his historic "I Have a Dream" speech, a watershed moment for the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. King shared his vision of a future in which "this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal'"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is observed each year on the third Monday in January and is the only federal holiday designated as a National Day of Service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Randy Knaack, Mayor of the City of Menomonie do hereby proclaim January 15, 2024 as a day to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr, and urge all citizens to join in this celebration.



Mayor Randy Knaack



Date