

RESOLUTION NO. 8586-R17

A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING JANUARY 20, 1986 AS
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, joins citizens throughout the nation who have gathered to celebrate the life and dream of America's hero and patriot, the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born January 15, 1929 and dedicated his life to achieving justice, equality, and freedom for all people; and

WHEREAS, a leader in the struggle for human rights, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. advocated non-violent means to raise the consciousness of America in support of her poor, destitute, uneducated, unemployed, ill fed, and ill housed; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., awarded a Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, brought dignity to the common man and woman in his efforts to achieve equity between the races; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was killed April 4, 1968, yet he lives through a legacy of significant social and legal reforms that improved the lives of millions of Americans, regardless of race, color, or creed; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Urbana seeks to secure an end to discrimination and afford every individual the opportunity to participate fully in the economic, cultural, and intellectual life available in the City as set forth in the Human Rights Ordinance and carried out by the Human Relations Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, that January 20, 1986 shall be declared Dr. Martin Luther King Day in the City of Urbana and shall serve as a time for all Urbana citizens to reflect upon and reaffirm our commitment to the principles of Equality, justice, and freedom for all.

PASSED by the City Council this 6th day of January, 1986.

Ruth S. Brookes
Ruth S. Brookes, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this 9th day of January, 1986.

Jeffrey T. Markland
Jeffrey T. Markland, Mayor

