



**REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION**  
**CITY OF INDEPENDENCE**  
**January 7, 2021**

**Department** Administration

**Director Approval** Kelly Passauer

**AGENDA ITEM** Consider proclaiming January 17, 2021 as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Day.

**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION** Staff recommends approval.

**BACKGROUND** The Independence Diversity Taskforce requests the City proclaim January 17, 2021 as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Day and urge citizens to watch the local celebration “*Kings Vision: The Urgency of Creating the Beloved Community*” on Sunday, January 17, 2021 at 3:00 PM on Cable Channel 65, Facebook, and YouTube. The Diversity Taskforce is a subcommittee of the Independence Chamber of Commerce.

**BUDGET IMPACT** N/A

**SUGGESTED MOTION** I move to proclaim January 17, 2021 as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Day and authorize the Mayor to sign the proclamation.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS** Proclamation.



## ***PROCLAMATION 2021***

### ***HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.***

**WHEREAS:** The 15<sup>th</sup> day of January is the birthday anniversary of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and

**WHEREAS:** Dr. King stood before the entire world as a man of peace, champion of human dignity, and an example of love and brotherhood, and

**WHEREAS:** The citizens of Independence do recognize Dr. King's contribution to the good of all humankind and they do desire to perpetuate and implement the ideals expressed in his dream of peace and harmony among all God's children,

**NOW THEREFORE, I Leonhard Cafilisch, Mayor of the City of Independence, do hereby proclaim the day of January 17, 2021, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Day, and urge that every citizen of Independence join me in extending recognition and honor to the memory of this great leader of humankind by watching the local virtual celebration "*Kings Vision: The Urgency of Creating the Beloved Community*" on Sunday, January 17, 2021 at 3 PM.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Independence, Kansas, to be affixed this day, January 7, 2021.**

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**Leonhard Cafilisch**  
Mayor, City of Independence Kansas