



## *Mayoral Proclamation*

- 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** the Town of Fuquay-Varina, along with many community businesses and partners, including the Cultural Arts Society of Fuquay-Varina and the Fuquay-Varina Chamber of Commerce, is a sponsor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration March, and Event; 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, J. BLAKE MASSENGILL, MAYOR** of the Town of Fuquay-Varina, do hereby proclaim January 16, 2023, as:

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

in Fuquay-Varina and call on all citizens to reflect on the words and service of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, to celebrate his life and influence on our nation, and consider their responsibility to bring peace, equality, and respect to their homes and to our community.

FUQUAY-VARINA, NORTH CAROLINA



  
J. Blake Massengill, Mayor