

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 20, 2025

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice, and opportunity for all, and he challenged all people to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union. The King Holiday and Service Act, enacted in 1994, designated the King Holiday as a national day of volunteer service. Since then, millions of people have been inspired by the life and work of Dr. King to serve their neighbors and communities on the holiday.

Dr. King led the 1955 Montgomery bus boycott and in 1957, he became the first president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. While serving as president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, he helped organize the nonviolent 1963 protests in Birmingham, Alabama and the 1963 March on Washington where he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

On October 14, 1964, Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality through nonviolence resistance. Dr. King helped pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Moreover, in 1965, he helped organize the Selma to Montgomery marches, and in 1966, he and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference took the movement to Chicago, Illinois, to protest segregated housing. Dr. King also pressed U.S. and world leaders to work together to address economic inequality, poverty, and the suffering and injustice caused by the Vietnam War.

Dr. King's hallmark approach to activism was to promote peace and nonviolence; he chose and encouraged empathy and diplomacy in pursuit of societal change. His teachings and contributions are immortalized to this day, and the legacy of his work continues to inspire us to carry the torch in addressing present-day challenges, inequities, and injustices in our communities.

We, the City Council of the City of Boulder, Colorado declare January 20, 2025, as

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And urge our fellow community members to help celebrate the spirit of this day by seeking out and acting on opportunities for service in our community.



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Aaron Brockett, Mayor

