

# PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS*, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to the advancement of civil rights and public service; believed in a nation of freedom and justice for all, and challenged all citizens to live up to the purpose and potential of America; and

*WHEREAS*, Dr. King said during his lifetime that everyone can be great because everyone can serve, and encouraged all Americans to serve their neighbors and their communities; and

*WHEREAS*, in 2018, the Appleton Area School District Board voted unanimously to make Dr. King's birthday a school holiday, and invited all students and the citizens in Appleton to honor Dr. King's legacy through serving each year on the third Monday in January, this year marking the 1<sup>st</sup> ever citywide observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday; and

*WHEREAS*, in 1994, Congress initiated the King Day of Service, a nationwide effort to transform the federal holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. into a day of community service, grounded in Dr. King's teachings, that helped solve social problems while focusing on bringing people together and breaking down the barriers that have divided us as a nation; and

*WHEREAS*, hundreds of Appleton residents will use this Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a day on, not a day off, by spending it performing community service this year; and

*WHEREAS*, non-profit organizations, volunteers and businesses, small and large across Appleton have organized hundreds of projects for students and residents to engage in service honoring the goals of the King Day of Service; and

*WHEREAS*, the King Day of Service, which falls on January 21<sup>st</sup> this year, is a time for the people of Appleton to recognize Dr. King's teachings on advancing equality and opportunity for all by contributing their own time and talents in a day of service; and

*WHEREAS*, it is an important day to encourage each citizen to take part in service that will benefit our community and neighborhoods and provide a fitting memorial to the life of Martin Luther King, Jr.;

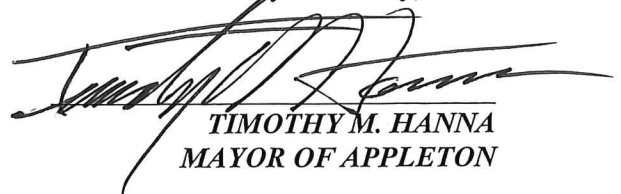
*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, TIMOTHY M. HANNA*, Mayor of the City of Appleton, do hereby proclaim January 21, 2019 as

## *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service*

In Appleton and urge our citizens to honor the memory of Dr. King, to put his teachings into action by participating in the 1<sup>st</sup> Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, and to find ways to give back to the community.



Signed and sealed this  
21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2019.

  
TIMOTHY M. HANNA  
MAYOR OF APPLETON