



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to advancing social justice, equality, and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King challenged Americans to realize their greatest potential and participate in creating a better society for all; and

WHEREAS, the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. continue to inspire millions of Americans and shape our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, United States Congress designated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a national day of service, and charged the Corporation for National and Community Service with leading this effort; and

WHEREAS, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service offers Americans an opportunity to give back to their communities and make an ongoing commitment to service throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, North Carolinians can participate in local events across our state during the Day of Service on January 15, 2018; all are encouraged to create and implement service projects that promote youth character development, volunteerism, and positive community relations; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission was established by the General Assembly in 1993 to further the awareness and understanding of Dr. King's legacy; the Commission will join the national call for increased civil discourse, and lead communities across the state, with the annual ringing of the Liberty Bell in tribute; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages all residents to observe the Day of Service in honor and remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and to commemorate the life and legacy of this civil rights leader with acts of service, volunteerism, and community engagement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 15, 2018, as "**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this eighth day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.