

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. worked to reaffirm the ideals of freedom, dignity, and opportunity for all races and peoples, helping our Nation recognize the importance of upholding America's founding principals of equality, and justice for all; and,

Whereas, Dr. King served as a voice of conscience for our Nation and his words and actions continue to inspire courage, humility, and compassion. His enduring contributions to America remind us and countless others around the world that people should ". . . not be judged by the color of their skin but by content of their character"; and,

Whereas, January 15, 2018, has been set aside as a national holiday to pay tribute to Dr. King, and the theme of this year's commemoration is *Embrace Unity: Be the Change!* because Dr. King taught us that citizenship includes recognizing the value of each individual and each culture; and

Whereas, this is the 25th Annual Commemoration of Dr. King Holiday in the Lewisville and Flower Mound Community where students are recognized for their excellence in contest areas of Essay writing, Photography, and Art;

Now, therefore, I, Rudy Durham, Mayor of the City of Lewisville, Texas, and on behalf of the Lewisville City Council, do hereby declare January 15, 2018, as:

"Martin Luther King, Jr. Day"

and urge all citizens recognize the lasting truth of his words and his legacy, and to renew our commitment to the principles of justice, equality, opportunity, and optimism that Dr. King espoused and exemplified.

Proclaimed this the 15th day of January, 2018.



Rudy Durham, Mayor
City of Lewisville