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City of Eugene, Oregon

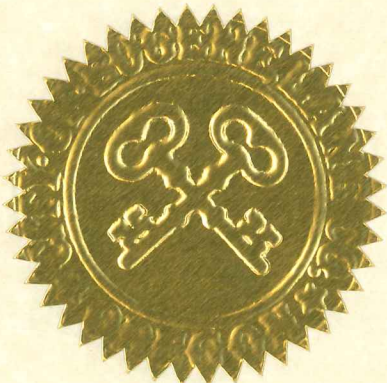
**PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS:** The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott and became the first president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, created to put an end to the practice of segregation in this country; and
- WHEREAS:** Dr. King led the 1963 March on Washington where he gave us his dream of a nation where every person would be judged by the content of their character rather than the color of their skin; and
- WHEREAS:** Dr. King was a “drum major” for peace who challenged and ultimately changed unjust laws through nonviolent civil disobedience and who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.; and
- WHEREAS:** Dr. King became the co-chair of Clergy and Laity Concerned about Vietnam in 1967 after his famous speech in opposition to the war; and
- WHEREAS:** Dr. King initiated the Poor People’s Campaign in 1968 to demand economic and human rights for all poor Americans regardless of race and it was during this campaign, working in support of sanitation workers of Memphis, Tennessee, that Dr. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968; and
- WHEREAS:** In light of his selfless service and sacrifice that made this a better nation for all people, the third Monday of January has been observed as a federal holiday since 1986; and
- WHEREAS:** A mural honoring Dr. King by artist W.K. Interact, commissioned by the City of Eugene’s 20x21 Mural Project, was painted on the side of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Eugene 50 years after Dr. King’s assassination.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lucy Vinis, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon, do hereby proclaim January 21, 2019**  
**“Martin Luther King Jr. Day”**

in the city of Eugene to honor a person of such outstanding leadership who used persuasion, love and non-violent resistance to make this a more just nation; and

Be it further resolved that the City joins with First Christian Church in dedicating the King mural as a monument to the cause for which Dr. King gave his life, remembering in his words, that “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”



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*January 21, 2019*