

**PROCLAMATION
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
BASTROP COUNTY HOLIDAY COMMISSION CELEBRATION**

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. challenged our Nation to recognize that our individual liberty relies upon our common equality; and

WHEREAS, at a time when our Nation was sharply divided, Dr. King called on a generation of Americans to be “voices of reason, sanity, and understanding amid the voices of violence, hatred, and emotion”; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King devoted his life to the struggle for justice and equality, sowing seeds of hope for a day when all people might claim “the riches of freedom and the security of justice”; and

WHEREAS, on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday, we commemorate the 36th Anniversary of the holiday recognizing one of America’s greatest visionary leaders, and we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King’s “I Have A Dream Speech” turns 59 in 2022, and reminds us to recognize that in these challenging times, too many Americans face limited opportunities, but our capacity to support each other remains limitless; and

WHEREAS, we must face the challenges with the same strength, persistence and determination exhibited by Dr. King; and

WHEREAS, the walk’s theme is “**A Day On...Not A Day Off!**”; and

WHEREAS, the American people are called to engage in public service and promote nonviolent social change so that Dr. King’s unfinished movement toward equality can be achieved by our united, enduring efforts; and

WHEREAS, all citizens are urged to join with Bastrop High School, Smithville High School, Elgin High School, McDade High School, Cedar Creek High School and Colorado River Collegiate Academy in supporting the Scholarship Program during the annual walk; and

WHEREAS, all citizens are also urged to join in the 33rd annual walk on January 17, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. beginning at the Paul Quinn AME, 1108 Walnut Street, Bastrop, Texas and will end at the Bastrop Convention Center, 1408 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas for universal peace, justice, human rights, and social and economic progress for all people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron Ramirez, Mayor of the City of Elgin, Texas, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 17, 2022 as:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Elgin, Texas to be affixed this 4th day of January, 2022.

Ron. M. Ramirez, Mayor