

City of Avondale
Proclamation

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 18, 2021

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dedicated his life to the principle that we, as a people, have achieved and can continue to achieve non-violent social change; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King beckoned us toward justice and advancing the cause of social change and opportunity for all people through his unwavering resistance; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King was a great orator and leader whose eloquent message influenced his country to integrate peacefully and resulted in the passing and signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 for his constant adherence to the principles of non-violence in the face of frequent threats; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King was a leader whose life personified an unshakable commitment to inspire all to pursue a more just and equal society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's words still ring true today, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of convenience and comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kenneth N. Weise, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Avondale, Arizona do hereby proclaim January 18, 2021 as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day in Avondale and urge all residents to support the principles of justice and equality as we continue to realize Dr. King's dream of a more equitable society for all.

Kenneth N. Weise

Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk