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PROCLAMATION

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | January 15, 2024

Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. lived his life in service as a Baptist minister, nonviolent activist, civil rights leader, and philosopher to advocate for the rights of Black people, the poor and other marginalized people and to eliminate all forms of discrimination throughout our country; and

Whereas, Dr. King beckoned us toward nonviolent civil disobedience to eradicate Jim Crow laws and forced social change and opportunity for all with the consistent, persistent use of nonviolent resistance; and

Whereas, Dr. King was a great minister, serving as the inaugural President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, superior orator, and leader whose messages have influenced this country to integrate peacefully; and

Whereas, Dr. King worked to ensure end of the segregated South, and for the passage and signing of the historic Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

Whereas, Dr. King was honored on Oct. 14, 1964, with the Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality through nonviolent resistance, posthumously Dr. King received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977, and the Congressional Gold Medal in 2003 for his civil rights leadership; and

Whereas, Dr. King was a leader whose life and death personified an unshakable commitment to nonviolent civil disobedience which has influenced other to pursue a more just, equal, and accessible society even in the when facing obstacles and frequent threats; and

Whereas, Dr. King’s words From the Streets of Selma to the Walls of the White House share, “The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. The true neighbor will risk his position, his prestige, and even his life for the welfare of others” hold true to this day; and

Whereas, the City of Avondale, in conjunction with others throughout the United States of America and across the globe, acknowledges the Tuesday following Martin Luther King Jr. Day as the “National Day of Racial Healing” and urges all citizens to promote racial healing and transformation individually and collectively as a means of working together to ensure the best quality of life for every child.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Avondale, Arizona do hereby proclaim January 15, 2024 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.

Mayor of Weise

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Council Member Solorio

Council Member White

Attest: City Clerk