

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. made significant and long-lasting contributions to the social and economic progress within our nation through the movement toward racial equality and civil rights for all people, no matter their race, color, creed or occupation; including the push to desegregate public and private institutions and to provide fair rights and appropriate labor laws for union members; and

**WHEREAS**, through peaceful protests and nonviolent public demonstrations, Dr. King was a catalyst for change in how African Americans are treated, and stated that “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere;” and

**WHEREAS**, to commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. King, on November 2, 1983, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill to declare Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a federal holiday to be observed annually on the third Monday of January, to represent Dr. King’s birthday; and


**WHEREAS**, Salt Lake County recognizes and honors the contributions made by Dr. King and pledges to promote universal respect for and observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the civil rights guaranteed to all residents throughout Salt Lake County and our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, as we honor Dr. King this month, which would have been Dr. King’s 90th birthday, it is appropriate for us to recognize and pay tribute to his inclusive civil rights work for all communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of Salt Lake County, do hereby join with the Salt Lake County Council, members of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Commission, and community members in proclaiming Monday January 21, 2019 as

## **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

and urge community and faith leaders, civil rights advocates, educators, public officials, and all people of Salt Lake County to recognize and remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his dream for a greater America.

  
Erin Litvack  
Deputy Mayor