## **PROCLAMATION**



## Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice, and opportunity for all, and challenged all citizens to participate in the work of building a more perfect union; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. King said that everyone can be great because everyone can serve, and encouraged all Americans to serve their neighborhoods and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1994, Congress initiated the King Holiday and Service Act, designated as a national day of volunteer service; and, therefore, hundreds of Appleton residents will spend the 2021 King Holiday performing community service; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a time for the people of Appleton to recognize Dr. King's teachings on advancing equality and opportunity for all by contributing their own time and talents in a day of service; and

**WHEREAS**, although volunteerism may look different this year, small and large non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and businesses across the community have organized projects for students and residents to engage in service to honor the legacy and vision of Dr. King.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD**, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim January 18, 2021 as

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

in Appleton and encourage residents to honor the memory of Dr. King and put his teachings into action by taking part in volunteer service for the benefit of our community and neighborhoods.

Signed and sealed this 13th day of January 2021.

JACOB A. WOODFORD MAYOR OF APPLETON