

**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND
ANNUAL TRIBUTE TO
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

“Standing Together”

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., supported nonviolent action to promote equal rights and economic justice worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King’s many notable speeches, sermons, and writings are among the most revered orations and writings in recent American history; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges the Civil Rights Movement in the United States of the 1950s and 1960s which argued the injustices of undermining America's claim as a society of peace and justice; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King and many other civil rights leaders chose to organize their arguments around the contrasting ideas that the United States was a leader in promoting democracy and rights, while denying those rights to many living in America; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King delivered his oration during the St. Louis Freedom Rally on March 22, 1964 in which he called for people to be less concerned with economic, political, and social positions and transform into a *“beautiful symphony of brotherhood”* to end racism in this Country; and

WHEREAS, members of the greater College Park community strive to achieve the many visions of Dr. King, who said that *“we must learn to live together as brothers, or we will all perish together as fools.”*

WHEREAS, This year’s theme is “Standing Together” for though the Annual College Park Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will not be held in person for the first time in 30 years due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its resulting gathering restrictions, the City will still honor and commemorate Dr. King’s legacy and his fight for social justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT ON Monday, January 18, 2021 the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park join in recognizing the social and spiritual accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the 30th Annual College Park Tribute that will carry forward the spirit and feeling of hopefulness and strengthen the promise of new beginnings.

PROCLAIMED this 12th day of January 2021.



Patrick L. Wojahn, Mayor
City of College Park, Maryland