

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is honored in January for devoting his life to advancing equality, social justice, and opportunity for all, and challenged all Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more equitable and inclusive society; and

WHEREAS, his extraordinary message delivered that momentous day in August of 1963 stirred Americans of every race and creed to action, and it continues to reverberate in the hearts and minds of patriotic citizens across our great land; and

WHEREAS, this observance increases our awareness and knowledge of Black History and honors Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his contributions to our community and Nation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland Park is mindful of our Nation's past, we strive to effectuate Dr. King's dream personified in groups like The Diversity Ambassadors, a team of City employees who banded together based on common unity and a commitment to open minds, hearts, and thoughts, removing biases and barriers while connecting all corners of our City. The team formed after a transformational diversity training where City administration provided space for employees to process and discuss the systemic evil of racism and its impact on individual, communal and workplace experiences; following the tragedy of George Floyd; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Park Library needs your untold story to share in the City's historical book, *Oakland Park's Untold Stories*, during the Centennial Celebration in 2029; and

WHEREAS, The City, in partnership with the Community, will be honoring and celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on January 15, 2022, at Collins Community Center from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in it by the Charter hereby authorizes Mayor Michael Carn to proclaim January 17, 2022, as

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, to be affixed this 12th day of January 2022.

By: _____
MICHAEL CARN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC, CITY CLERK