



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. believed that a person's worth should not be measured by his or her color, culture, or class, but rather by his or her commitment to creating a better life for all by living a life of service for others; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's message of peace and service and his dream of pursuing a world free from prejudice and injustice lives on and has not been forgotten since his tragic death on April 4, 1968; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream of racial equality, understanding, service and social justice is an inspiration to all of us; and

WHEREAS, service to others is a bond that unites us as citizens and helps us to define a vision achievable by working for the common good; and

WHEREAS, there are many ways to show service and respect to others, such as collecting books for schools or food for a food bank, planting a tree, donating blood, volunteering at a senior center, or serving meals to the homeless, and many others; and

WHEREAS, the City of Greenville, joins with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in this community in tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his ideals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Allen M. Thomas, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 16, 2012 as

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

in the City of Greenville and I urge citizens to join me in the celebration thereof, and to take this opportunity to reflect upon Dr. King's message of the principles of justice and equality for all peoples, and pursue the ideal of the spirit of one America. I further urge all citizens to follow Dr. King's mission of service to others by celebrating January 16th with "a day on, not a day off," using that day to collaborate on projects that will benefit their community.

This 12th day of January, 2012.

Allen M. Thomas, Mayor