

RESOLUTION NO. 361

WHEREAS, the American Civil Rights Movement has brought forth significant advancements in the area of civil and human rights for all citizens and especially for this nation's poor and minority populations; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., rose to a universally recognized position of leadership in the Civil Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, much of the success of the movement can be directly attributed to the dedicated and inspired leadership provided by Dr. King; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's death at the hands of an assassin on April 4, 1968 was a tragic loss to the movement as well as the nation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria wishes to designate a period of time in commemoration of the contributions of Dr. King in the fields of peace and human rights; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria's public schools will be presenting various programs, displays and projects focusing on the Civil Rights Movement and the accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in observance of Dr. King's birthday on January 15,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, that the week of January 12-18, 1975, be set aside in memorial observance of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all persons are encouraged to participate in planned activities on Dr. King's birthday on January 15, 1975.

FURTHER RESOLVED that this commemoration of Dr. King's birthday shall serve as a reminder of an opportunity for recommitment by all persons to the goals sought by Dr. King in the field of civil and human rights and peace.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alexandria City Council will continue to encourage annual observances of Dr. King's vast contributions to the American people.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and that the two local newspapers be requested to publicize this resolution during the week prior to January 15, 1975.

Adopted December 30, 1974

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Mrs. Helen Vickers                      City Clerk