Proclamation

WHEREAS, 54 years after his death, the life and legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin

Luther King, Jr. continue to inspire our nation, in a steadfast pursuit of a

better future for all; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's fight for freedom and equality are reflected within the City of

Olathe's commitment to a high quality of life for all residents, as laid out

in the Olathe's 2040: Future Ready Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the theme of the 2024 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Contest is

"Know Your Neighbor," and speaks to the City of Olathe's 2040 goals to ensure people feel safe and connected to their neighbors and have com-

munity pride; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olathe is proud to join our community partners in celebrating

Dr. King's life, including the Olathe Human Relations Commission,

Olathe Public Schools, Garmin and the NAACP.

NOW, **THEREFORE**, I, John Bacon, Mayor of the City of Olathe, do hereby proclaim January 15, 2024,

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

in Olathe, encouraging all residents to join us in our annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Contest Celebration on Saturday, January 13, at 11 a.m. at Olathe Northwest High School.

Further more, we urge each Olathean to rededicate oneself to upholding equal rights and justice for all.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Olathe to be affixed this ninth day of January, 2024.

John W. Bacon, Mayor

Brenda D. Swearingian, City Clerk