

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is a critical figure in our nation's history, as an icon of the Civil Rights Movement and a symbol of freedom, quality and fairness for all; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Olathe is proud to commemorate the rich diversity in our neighborhoods with an annual Martin Luther King Day celebration; and
- WHEREAS,** "Courageous Leadership" is the theme for this year's event, highlighting the will, the passion and the perseverance it takes to make change happen in the face of adversity, a lesson Dr. King taught all of us throughout his life; and
- WHEREAS,** since the creation of the Olathe Human Relations Commission, Commissioners have worked tirelessly to embrace Dr. King's ideals of human decency and goodwill, challenging all Olatheans to dialogue at the table of brotherhood; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Olathe is pleased to join the Olathe Human Relations Commission, community organizations, and our nation in paying tribute to the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as we recognize Monday, January 20, as a national and local holiday.

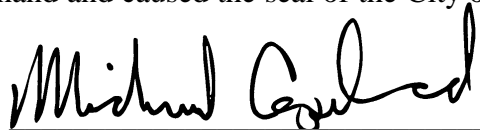
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Copeland, Mayor of the City of Olathe, do hereby proclaim January 20, 2020,

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

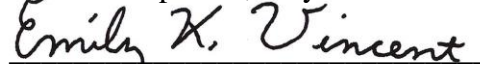
in Olathe, urging all residents to join together in rededicating and committing ourselves to upholding equal rights and justice for all,

And encouraging the public to celebrate with us at the Martin Luther King Day celebration at the MidAmerica Nazarene Bell Cultural Arts Center on January 19.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Olathe to be affixed this seventh day of January, 2020.



Michael Copeland, Mayor



Emily K. Vincent, City Clerk