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PROCLAMATION OBSERVING
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
JANUARY 20, 2025
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WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. dedicated his life to championing liberty, individual rights, and equality under the law, calling upon our nation to uphold its founding principles that "all men are created equal"; and

WHEREAS, through his steadfast leadership and commitment to nonviolence, Dr. King inspired a movement that transformed the nation, shining a light on the injustices faced by many and paving the way for meaningful civil rights advancements; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 1963, Dr. King delivered his iconic "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, where he powerfully envisioned a future where Americans would "not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character," a vision that continues to guide and inspire; and
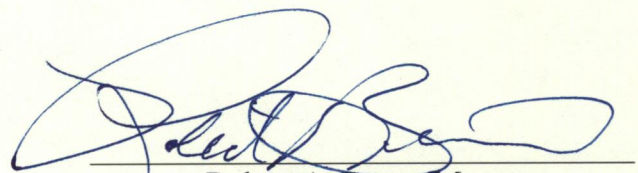
WHEREAS, Dr. King's work exemplified courage, perseverance, and the enduring belief that America's promise of freedom and opportunity could be achieved through peaceful action and unity of purpose; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe recognizes the importance of honoring Dr. King's enduring legacy, not only as a leader of the Civil Rights Movement but as a figure whose vision for a better, fairer society challenges each of us to contribute to the common good.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Burns, Mayor of the City of Monroe, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 20, 2025 as **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY** in the City of Monroe and encourage all residents to reflect on his life and vision, and to honor his legacy by participating in meaningful community activities and acts of service that strengthen our shared values of justice, unity, and opportunity for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Monroe to be affixed this the 20th day of January, 2025.

Robert A. Burns, Mayor