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**IN CITY COUNCIL
PROCLAMATION OBSERVING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY**

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Be it PROCLAIMED that the South Portland City Council adopt the following statement:

WHEREAS, the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. has inspired this country and the world with his vision and dedication to freedom and equality, and economic justice and the rights of workers; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr. became the voice of the American civil rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s with eloquent speeches and nonviolent action that resulted in the landmark legislation known as the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

WHEREAS, the voice of Martin Luther King, Jr. has persevered, and his faith and courage in proclaiming the message of liberty and justice for all lives on; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King's vision for Equality, Black Liberation and Human Rights continues to inspire and motivate millions of people here in South Portland, across this country and around the world; and

WHEREAS, federal legislation, signed into law on November 2, 1983, established a legal holiday to be celebrated on the third Monday in January to honor the life of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., who was born on January 15, 1929.

NOW, THEREFORE, the South Portland City Council hereby observes **Monday, January 15, 2024 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** in the City of South Portland and encourages residents to celebrate by reflecting on the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr and partaking in good deeds and acts of service to the community.

Fiscal Note: Less than \$1,000

Dated: January 9, 2024