

Introduced by: Mayor Pruhs
Councilmember Cleworth
Councilmember Ringstad
Councilmember Marney
Councilmember Sprinkle
Councilmember Therrien
Introduced: January 13, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 5156

**A RESOLUTION CLOSING CITY HALL ON THE THIRD MONDAY IN
JANUARY OF EACH YEAR IN OBSERVANCE OF REVEREND DR.
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. graduated from Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania in 1951 and later earned his doctorate from Boston University. He answered a call in 1954 at the age of 25 to pastor Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama, which ironically was the original capital of the Confederacy in 1861; and

WHEREAS, he famously stated at the March on Washington in 1963 that, "I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character;" and

WHEREAS, Reverend King devoted himself to the struggle for justice and equality for all, enduring many hardships for his family and himself along the journey, which ultimately cost him his life; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks City Council adopted Resolution No. 4609 (attached) on January 20, 2014, establishing a Day of Service and Honor for Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fairbanks that the Patrick B. Cole City Hall will be closed on the third Monday of January each year in observance of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and that non-essential employees City-wide, with the approval of their department head, will be afforded the opportunity to participate in community events honoring that day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is effective six days after adoption.

PASSED and APPROVED this 13th Day of January 2025.




David Pruhs, City Mayor

YEAS: Cleworth, Marney, Ringstad, Sprinkle, Therrien
NAYS: None
ABSENT Tidwell
APPROVED: January 13, 2025

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



D. Danyelle Snider, MMC, City Clerk



Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

Introduced By: Mayor John Eberhart

Date: January 20, 2014

RESOLUTION NO. 4609, AS AMENDED

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING A DAY OF SERVICE IN HONOR OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to the struggle for justice and equality; and

WHEREAS, the third Monday in January is recognized as a federal holiday and a holiday in all fifty states;

WHEREAS, all across the country, Dr. King's legacy is honored with a national day of service; and

WHEREAS, by dedicating this day to service, we move closer to Dr. King's vision of all Americans living and working together as one beloved community,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, that the third Monday in January is recognized as a day of service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his principle of justice for all. On this day, the Mayor is authorized to modify City operations so employees may use part of their on-duty day to attend approved in-service training on diversity or cultural awareness and/or engage in approved volunteer activities to help those in need.

PASSED and APPROVED this 20th day of January 2014.



JOHN EBERHART, MAYOR

AYES: Anderson, Gatewood, Staley, Hilling, Matherly, Walley
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
APPROVED: January 20, 2014

ATTEST:



JANEY HOVENDEN, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



PAUL J. EWERS, City Attorney