



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

# 17-0086

# Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE:

1-18-17

Requesting Agency

**COMMISSIONERS (DARNELL)**

Requested Action *(Identify appropriate Action or Motion, purpose, cost, timeframe, etc.)*

Approval

Requirement for Board Action *(Cite specific Board policy, statute or code requirement)*

Is this Item Goal Related? *(If yes, describe how this action meets the specific Board Focus Area or Goal)*

Yes  No

**Summary & Background**

*(First sentence includes Agency recommendation. Provide an executive summary of the action that gives an overview of the relevant details for the item.)*

Request approval of a Resolution in recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on the occasion of his 88th birthday. (Darnell)

**Fiscal Impact / Funding Source**

*(Include projected cost, approved budget amount and account number, source of funds, and any future funding requirements.)*

**Exhibits Attached** *(Provide copies of originals, number exhibits consecutively, and label all exhibits in the upper right corner.)*

**Source of Additional Information**

*(Type Name, Title, Agency and Phone)*

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 88<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

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4         **WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was born in the City of Atlanta, in Fulton  
5 County, Georgia, on January 15, 1929, the son of Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr. and Mrs.  
6 Alberta Williams King, and the grandson of Reverend and Mrs. A.D. Williams; and

7         **WHEREAS**, Dr. King graduated from Booker T. Washington High School at the  
8 age of 15 and graduated from Morehouse College at the age of 19; and

9         **WHEREAS**, like his father and grandfather before him, Dr. King became the  
10 pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church located in Atlanta; and

11         **WHEREAS**, Dr. King led the most impactful nonviolent civil rights demonstrations  
12 in United States history; and

13         **WHEREAS**, Dr. King preached, marched, demonstrated and sacrificed for the  
14 idea of a fair, just, and inclusive society; and

15         **WHEREAS**, Dr. King’s life was tragically cut short at the age of 39, but his legacy  
16 of social activism lives on; and

17         **WHEREAS**, Dr. King is described by contemporary historians as one of the  
18 “Great Liberators” of the Twentieth Century- along with Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson  
19 Mandela; and

20         **WHEREAS**, Dr. King demonstrated love in the face of hate, fought for the  
21 collective good, and challenged society to provide equal opportunity for all; and

22         **WHEREAS**, although great advances appear to have been made collectively, Dr.  
23 King’s example continues to challenge us to meet the needs of the least of us; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Dr. King was a voice to those long silenced; demonstrated courage  
2           for those who were afraid; and chose to stand up for those who could not at great  
3           personal peril;

4           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of  
5           Fulton County proudly joins in the national observance of the 88th birthday of Dr. Martin  
6           Luther King Jr., and directs the Clerk to the Commission to spread this Resolution upon  
7           the official minutes and record of the Board of Commissioners.

8           **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,  
9           Georgia, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2017.

**SPONSORED BY:**

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Emma I. Darnell, Commissioner  
District 6

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Mark Massey, Clerk to the Commission      Patrise Perkins-Hooker, County Attorney

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