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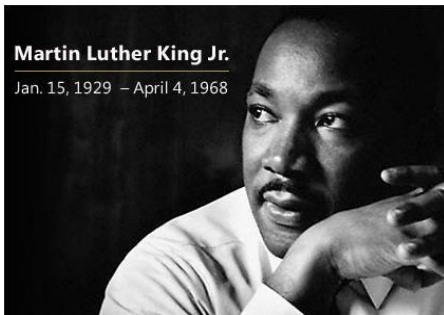


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FROM: Emma I. Darnell, Commissioner, District 6
Fulton County Board of Commissioners

SUBJ: **Proposed Resolution In Recognition Of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. On The Occasion Of His 86th Birthday To Be Presented By The Board Of Commissioners At Its Next Regular Meeting, January 21, 2015**

DATE: January 16, 2015



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

WHEREAS, Dr. King graduated from Booker T. Washington High School and Morehouse College in Atlanta; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Dr. King's efforts at social change ended legalized segregation and provided to Black Americans their long denied full citizenship rights as re-codified in the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

WHEREAS, at the age of thirty-five, Dr. King became, the then-youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize; and

WHEREAS, in the months prior to his assassination in 1968, Dr. King was organizing the Poor People's Campaign, traveling across the country to assemble a multiracial army of protestors representing those that lived below the poverty line; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King is described by contemporary historians as one of the "Great Liberators" of the Twentieth Century - along with Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King wished to be remembered not for who he was but for the fact that he passionately and consistently beat the justice drum; rang the bell of peace and pled that his opponents would eschew evil in exchange for righteousness; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King insisted on diversity versus rhetoric; change versus promises; access versus impediments; full citizenship versus a caste system; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's legacy challenges us daily to meet the demands of those in need rather than those in power; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County proudly joins in the national observance of the 86th birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and directs the Clerk to the Commission to spread this Resolution upon the official minutes and record of the Board of Commissioners.