

**CITY OF CHARLOTTE, COUNTY OF EATON, STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-23**

**A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY AS A HOLIDAY IN  
THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE**

**RECOGNIZING** the third Monday of January, as Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the City of Charlotte.

**WHEREAS**, the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a leader of the American civil rights movement and whose legacy encompasses influential decisions, monumental actions and steadfast progressions of humanitarian rights reaching far beyond the civil rights movement; and

**WHEREAS**, as noted by the National Civil Rights Museum, "a leader of all people, Dr. King never chose fear, but always chose courage and determination when fighting for civil rights in the face of oppression, ignorance and violence. He refused to allow prison, violence or the threat of death to sway his end mission"; instead, Dr. King stood beside his goal of achieving rights for all through nonviolent protests; and

**WHEREAS**, he and other civil rights activists collectively influenced nationwide change, with Dr. King's leadership contributing to the overall success of the civil rights movement in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century and which continues to impact civil rights movements today; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. King's life was tragically cut short by an assassin's bullet on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee while he was championing the cause of labor in the Sanitation Workers' Strike; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. King's life will always shine as a light for those without hope and as an example to be emulated by all who care about their fellow human beings, regardless of race, religion, class or nationality; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the efforts of many dedicated community leaders and activists who sought national recognition for Dr. King, the third Monday in January is nationally recognized across the United States as a day to remember Dr. King, his legacy, and the causes for which he fought and died; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and this Council hereby recognize the third Monday in January as Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the City of Charlotte. Further, the holiday will be observed by the closure of city hall.

The foregoing resolution offered by Council member \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by \_\_\_\_\_.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye:

Nay:

Absent:

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the City of Charlotte, County of Eaton, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City of Charlotte at a regularly scheduled meeting held on Monday, March 1, 2021, relevant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, the original of which is on file in my office as part of council minutes.

**In witness whereof**, I have hereunto set my official signature this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2021.

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Pearl Tidwell, City Clerk  
City of Charlotte