



*Jim Justice*  
*Governor of West Virginia*

## **GREETINGS FROM GOVERNOR JUSTICE**

As Governor, it is an honor to welcome you to today's celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a true icon whose impact on American history is immeasurable.

It is inspiring to see such an important tribute take place here in the Mountain State, as we come together to recognize both his extraordinary life and his lasting contributions to our society.

Dr. King was undoubtedly one of the greatest leaders of the 20th century. He faced seemingly endless challenges with unwavering determination. His vision and perseverance were fundamental to a revolution that forever transformed the United States. Dr. King's legacy resonates in individuals' lives and broader societal shifts toward greater racial understanding and harmony. His relentless work serves as an enduring example for all of us to follow.

On behalf of the people of West Virginia, I extend my best wishes for a successful and meaningful event today and in the years ahead. It has been a privilege to collaborate with this commission in honoring Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and enduring legacy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Justice".

Jim Justice  
Governor

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice and opportunity for all, and challenged all Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union; and
- Whereas,** Dr. King's teachings can continue to guide and inspire us in addressing challenges in our communities; and
- Whereas,** in 1983, former President Ronald Reagan, signed into law a bill creating a national holiday to honor Martin Luther King, Jr.; and
- Whereas,** since millions of Americans have been inspired by the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to serve their neighbors and communities on the King Holiday; and
- Whereas,** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life's work to a vision: that all Americans would live free from injustice and enjoy equal opportunity granted by their Creator; and
- Whereas,** the lifelong movement of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to end segregation and discrimination, brought our nation closer to the principles set forth in founding documents; and
- Whereas,** each of us has a duty to work together in unity to resist violence, hatred, and injustice in our communities; and
- Whereas,** citizens of West Virginia have an opportunity to participate in events throughout our State on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to give back to our communities with service, engagement, and remembrance in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *January 20, 2025* as:

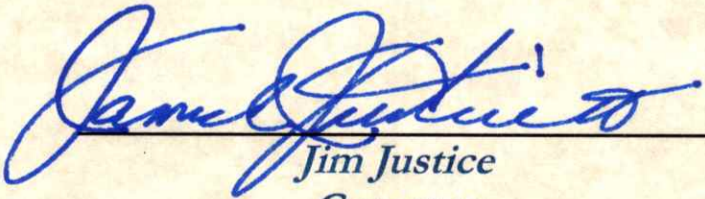
## *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in paying tribute to the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through participation in community service projects on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service and throughout the year.

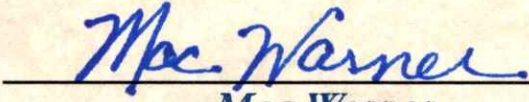
**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Eighth day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Second year of the State.



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

  
Mac Warner  
Secretary of State