

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Falls Church is a welcoming and respectful place for people of all faiths, all races, all cultures, all sexual orientations, and all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to reaffirm the long-standing community values of equality, inclusion, and diversity, and

WHEREAS, in numerous proclamations in support of fair housing, disability rights, immigrant rights, and the rights of the LGBTQ community, the City Council has always taken a strong stand in opposition to discrimination against anyone; and

WHEREAS, the City Council encourages positive action to combat intolerance; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, “Life's most persistent and urgent question is ‘What are you doing for others?’;” and

WHEREAS, each year, on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, Americans across the country answer that question by coming together to serve their neighbors and communities; and

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how Falls Church meets the challenges faced by the City, the Commonwealth; and the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Falls Church City Council believes that ordinary citizens, armed with compassion and the willingness to serve, can come together to change the world and pursue the Nation’s highest ideals;

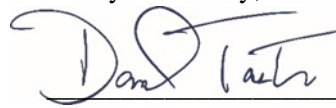
NOW, THEREFORE, I, P. DAVID TARTER, Mayor of the City of Falls Church, Virginia, do hereby recognize the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday on January 18, 2021, as

CITY OF FALLS CHURCH DAY OF SERVICE

and encourage all citizens to observe this day with appropriate civic, community, and service projects in honor of Dr. King and to affirm our City’s commitment to the values of equality, inclusion, and diversity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Falls Church, Virginia to be affixed this 7th day of January, 2021.





David Tarter, Mayor