

Proclamation

Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dedicated his life to promoting equality, justice, and opportunity for all, inspiring Americans to work toward a more perfect union; and

Whereas, his teachings continue to guide us in addressing challenges and strengthening our communities; and

Whereas, in 1994, Congress established the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday as a national day of service, led by AmeriCorps; and

Whereas, since then, millions of Americans have honored Dr. King's legacy through acts of service on this day; and

Whereas, serving on MLK Day unites citizens, honors Dr. King's vision, and builds stronger communities; and

Whereas, MLK Day encourages Americans to give back—not only on this day but throughout the year—through simple acts such as checking on an elderly neighbor, donating to a food pantry, writing letters to seniors, collecting hygiene items for shelters, or thanking healthcare workers; and

Whereas, each of us has a role in creating a community of greater opportunities and compassion.

NOW THEREFORE I, Jenny Gain Meyer, Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois, do hereby proclaim January 19, 2026, as **Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service in Belleville and urge all residents to honor Dr. King's life and legacy through meaningful acts of service on this day and beyond.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the corporate seal of the City of Belleville to be affixed this 16th day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-six. *the Past . . . Promise for the Future*



Jenny Gain Meyer, Mayor
Dated this 16th day of January, 2026

