



Proclamation

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, the King Holiday and Service Act, enacted in 1994, designated the King Holiday as a National Day of Volunteer service, and charged the Corporation for National and Community Service with leading this effort; and,

WHEREAS, serving on the King Holiday is an appropriate way to honor Dr. King, meet local and national needs, bring our citizens together, and strengthen our communities and nation; and,

WHEREAS, the King Day of Service is the only federal holiday commemorated as a National Day of Service, and offers an opportunity for Americans to give back to their communities on the holiday and make an ongoing commitment to service throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Merced have the opportunity to participate in events throughout our city on the King Day of Service, January 19, 2026, as well as create and implement community service projects where they identify the need;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW SERRATTO, Mayor of the City of Merced, on behalf of the City Council hereby proclaim the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday as a Day of Service in The City of Merced and call upon its citizens to pay tribute to the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through participation in community service projects on Martin Luther King Day and throughout the year.

Signed this 20th day of January 2026.

Matthew Serratto, Mayor of Merced