

Dr. King Day Welcome Speech
Love & Worship Center - January 17, 2011
Mayor Van W. Johnson

Today we celebrate the legacy of a man who almost five decades ago told the nation of his dream.

A dream rooted in the American dream, which was established as a core belief by the founding father of this great nation.

Where a man regardless of his race or color could set goals and decide for himself the things he wanted for himself and for his children and his children's children.

As a beneficiary standing in the shadows of that dream - I'm obligated to recognize others who have dedicated their lives to keeping the dream alive and there is no better time than the present to acknowledge such.

For the past twenty-years, the Love Center ministry has kept King's dream alive by observing and celebrating his birthday, but more importantly - this ministry has pointed to the path and to the source of true freedom. Freedom from the bondage of sin that has the propensity to shackle a man's mind, body and soul - the freedom that come from knowing and accepting Jesus Christ as your personal savior.

It is in recognition of this that I show the appreciation of a grateful city by presenting to Apostle Shirley C. White a key to the City of Apalachicola.