

CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA
Mayoral Proclamation
In Observance of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

WHEREAS, on November 2, 1983, at a White House ceremony inside the Rose Garden, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill into law creating a national holiday named in honor of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who is also one of the most important and recognized figures in our Nation's History; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., exemplified the values of equity, justice, and brotherly love, and through nonviolence brought an end to segregation and other forms of oppression, both in the United States of America and abroad; and

WHEREAS, the sun set early, ending the life of the dreamer but not the dream of this young thirty-nine year old preacher from Atlanta Georgia; and

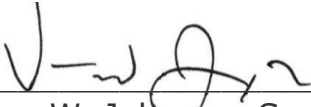
WHEREAS, more than forty years after his assassination, his dream of living in a world where one is judged only by their character and not the color of their skin, has finally rung true with the election of Barack H. Obama as the first person of color elected President of these United States of America; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on the eve of the Inauguration of Barack H. Obama as President, let us move from this day in the spirit of brotherly love, as one Nation under God with Liberty and Justice for all.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor of the Historic City of Apalachicola, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the City Charter, do hereby proclaim and call upon all residents of the City of Apalachicola, to observe, celebrate and adopt the spirit of service on January 19, 2009, in honor of the legacy left behind by the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and to prepare for the dawn of a new era with the presidency of Barack H. Obama.

HEREBY PROCLAIMED, in the year of our Lord this 15th day of January, 2009.

FOR THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA
VAN W. JOHNSON, SR., MAYOR



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