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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY IN RECOGNITION OF**  
2 **JANUARY 16, 2012 AS DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE AND**  
3 **COMMENDING THE ANCHORAGE COMMUNITY FOR CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF**  
4 **DR. KING WITH A DIVERSITY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES.**

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6 WHEREAS, designated by the United States Congress in 1994, the Martin Luther  
7 King, Jr. Federal Holiday is the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service, a  
8 "day on, not a day off," and  
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10 WHEREAS, observance and participation in the Martin Luther King Day of Service  
11 offer ways to empower individuals through community service, strengthen communities,  
12 bridge barriers, sponsor creativity, and move communities closer to Dr. King's vision a  
13 "Beloved Community; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the Martin Luther King Day of Service is a national day of volunteer  
16 service, interracial cooperation, and youth anti-violence initiatives; and  
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18 WHEREAS, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly has recognized the Anchorage  
19 Community's celebration of public service by designating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a  
20 day of community service since January 2008;  
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22 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Assembly, in recognition of  
23 January 16, 2012 as DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE in the Municipality  
24 of Anchorage, commends the Anchorage community for celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin  
25 Luther King, Jr. with a diversity of community service activities, including these representative  
26 samples, all of which honor our community with the memory and spirit of Dr. King:  
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- 28 • *The Alaska Bar Association, the Alaska Court System and the Alaska Legal*  
29 *Services Corporation* hosted its annual Free Legal Clinic in Anchorage at the  
30 Mountain View Community Center. In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
31 attorneys responded to legal needs of low income Alaskans, free of charge.  
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- 33 • *The Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department* honored Martin Luther King,  
34 Jr. with its annual 50 Bikes/50 Kids community service event at the Spenard  
35 Recreational Center. The mission of the project is to match deserving youth  
36 with volunteer mentors, and together a new bike was assembled for the youth  
37 participant.  
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- 39 • *The United Negro College Fund Alaska* held a scholarship fundraiser at the  
40 Anchorage Museum to help reduce financial barriers and increase access for  
41 Alaska students to attend college.


- *The Martin Luther King Foundation* presented its annual Citywide Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Celebration, free of charge to the public at the Egan Center. The keynote speaker, Dr. Aidsand Wright-Riggins III, and the Citywide Celebration Choir are all voices from our own Anchorage community honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. through speech, music and dance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Anchorage Community is encouraged in these efforts to identify and develop community service activities that strengthen our community, empower our residents, bridge barriers, and create solutions, inspired by the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., moving us closer as a community, in his honor.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Municipal Clerk