

Mayor Nancy Smith

Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dedicated his life to the pursuit of human justice and love for his fellow man. Considered a vanguard in the search of the advancement of social justice, and equal opportunity for all, Dr. King challenged all people to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union; and

Whereas, Dr. King believed immensely in the power of service through individual action and collective hope to create a brighter future; and

Whereas, Dr. King inspired his fellow believers to commit to a day of service which is the only federal holiday so commemorated; and

Whereas, Dr. King impacted such landmark United States federal laws as the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the Fair Housing Act of 1968 and created a framework to ensure equality and advance justice in the years ahead; and

Whereas, Dr. King taught us to see the commonality of our dreams, our hopes and our fears along with the truths and dignities that bind us together as human beings; and

Whereas, Dr. King believed that the “Arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice”-and that it requires all hands and all hearts to keep its course straight and true; and

Whereas, we recognize the need to model Dr. Martin Luther King’s pursuit of unity, equity and justice to prevent all forms of discrimination.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy Smith, Mayor of the City of Maricopa, do hereby proclaim the day of January 21, 2025, as recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King’s birthday in the City of Maricopa Arizona and encourage all citizens to join with us in celebrating the significance of Dr. King’s legacy in it’s past, present, and moving forward into the future.

Dated this 21st day of January 2025

Nancy Smith, Mayor