

City of Lakewood Proclamation

PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF THE REVEREND DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. January 19, 2026

WHEREAS, the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. was a champion in the Civil Rights movement of the 1960's and has profoundly impacted the course of American history and continues to shape the direction and debate of our society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's "dream" is no less inspirational and important today than when he first expressed it over 60 years ago; and

WHEREAS, despite the most egregious of transgressions that Dr. King fought against, he always did so as a firm believer in the moral power of non-violent, thoughtful, and brotherly and sisterly communication as the way to persuade others towards political action and political change; and

WHEREAS, we look forward to the future with optimism inspired by Dr. King's legacy and let us rededicate ourselves to keeping his dream alive and be reminded that we are united together as one community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cassandra Chase, Mayor of Lakewood, on behalf of the City Council and the community, do hereby honor the life and legacy of the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. on the national holiday dedicated to him on January 19, 2026 and encourage the residents of our community to join in studying the philosophy of peaceful non-violent political action advocated by Dr. King and participating in community events and gatherings, such as that sponsored by the Lakewood Interfaith Council at the Lakewood Family YMCA on January 18.



**CASSANDRA CHASE
MAYOR**

