

## **Proclamation**

### *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Week*

**WHEREAS,** January 18, 2016 marks the 30th anniversary of the national holiday to observe the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., one of America's greatest visionary leaders who peacefully created civil rights activism in our nation through non-violent means; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. King devoted his life to the struggle for justice and equality for people of all races, colors and ethnicities, changing the culture of this nation; and

**WHEREAS,** since 1986, the Orlando Mayor's Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, an appointed 25-member advisory board, has worked diligently to promote Dr. King's legacy of equality, justice, peace, respect and inclusion for all in Metro Orlando; and

**WHEREAS,** for 30 years, the MLK Commission has raised funds and worked with community and business leaders and non-profits to coordinate and sponsor meaningful events and service projects throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS,** the MLK Commission has provided more than 30 academic scholarships to high school students, organized food drives, beautified parks and neighborhoods and made improvements to schools, and has honored nearly 900 Orange County students as a Mayor's MLK Humanitarian for their outstanding character that exemplifies the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

**WHEREAS,** as the City of Orlando celebrates Dr. King's legacy, the MLK Commission and I encourage all Central Floridians to visit [MLKOrlando.com](http://MLKOrlando.com) to participate in a variety of MLK Holiday activities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BUDDY DYER,** Mayor of the City of Orlando, hereby do proclaim January 10-18, 2016, as

**“Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Week”**

in the City of Orlando

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Orlando to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016.