



*City of Hazel Park  
Proclamation*

*A Resolution Honoring Martin Luther King Jr.*

*Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. fought bravely for the cause of civil rights and social justice throughout his entire life; and*

*Whereas, Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia, and was tragically killed on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee; and*

*Whereas, Dr. King's life traces the very firmament of the struggle for equal rights, a struggle that remains very much ongoing more than 50 years after his death; and*

*Whereas, from his education at Morehouse College and Boston University to his courageous civil rights work, including the Montgomery bus boycott in 1955, to the march on Washington in 1963, to the historic march from Selma to Montgomery in 1965, Dr. King served as a relentless testament to the human spirit's unceasing desire for freedom and equality; and*

*Whereas, now more than ever, Dr. King's belief in change through nonviolence, and his unwavering desire to see a world "sweltering with the heat of oppression transformed into an oasis of peace and justice," is as timely and necessary as it has ever been; and*

*Whereas, now more than ever, Dr. King's dream is a necessary lesson to all people across the country—including here in our own city—who seek to pursue a life unmarred by the scourge of prejudice; so*

*Therefore be it resolved, that the Hazel Park City Council commends and acknowledges the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; and in so doing, we urge all Hazel Park residents to recommit themselves to the lessons of peace and justice Dr. King preached about more than half a century ago.*

*Mayor Michael Webb*

*City Clerk James Finkley*

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