

Charlotte County Florida



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr., led the Civil Rights Movement in the United States from the mid-1950's until his tragic death on April 4, 1968; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King combined social activism with religious faith, working tirelessly to protest injustice and to focus attention on the plight of the nation's poor; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Dr. King advocated the use of non-violent resistance in the tradition of Mohandas Gandhi to overcome oppression and to enhance human dignity, and helped secure the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the elimination of legalized racial segregation in the United States; and

WHEREAS, among many other honors, Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 and the United States Congress voted to observe a national holiday in his honor, on the third Monday in January of each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that January 19, 2026, shall be known in all of Charlotte County as

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

A parade honoring Dr. King, organized by Macedonia Human Services Cultural Training Center, Inc. & First Macedonia MB Church will commence near the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center at 11 a.m., Monday, January 19, 2026, and end at the New Operation Cooper Street Recreation Center, Theme: "The Struggle Continues; We will not Quit." All citizens and visitors are invited to observe and participate.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 13th day of January 2026

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By _____
Jospeh M. Tiseo, Chairman

ATTEST:

Roger D. Eaton, Clerk of Circuit
Court and Ex-Officio Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Hector Flores, County Administrator