

*PROCLAMATION*

**WHEREAS**, Martin Luther King Jr. Day (MLK) is a federal holiday celebrated around the United States to honor King’s birthday, legacy, and achievements as a civil rights leader in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, MLK Day was designated as a National Day of Service and it has been quoted as a “day ON, not a day off,” however this day is not celebrated to its full intent; and

**WHEREAS**, the holiday is meant to be a day where we participate in community service acts to create and strengthen King’s vision of a “Beloved Community;” and

**WHEREAS**, many communities around the country are starting to take action to turn the MLK Day holiday into an actual day of service; and

**WHEREAS**, when community members fully support volunteer service it can make their community stronger, more resilient, safer, and more inclusive for all who live there; and

**WHEREAS**, allowing for a day to be dedicated to community service will aid many of the local non-profits, local schools, churches, and many other community-rooted City of Laramie organizations who rely on volunteers to function and operate; and

**WHEREAS**, service work doesn’t only benefit organizations but also benefits those doing the service, it teaches behaviors such as dedication, responsibility, compassion, commitment, respect, and kindness; and

**WHEREAS**, MLK Day of Service 2022 is supported by local groups such as the University of Wyoming Student, Leadership, and Community Engagement Office, City of Laramie government officials, and Albany County government officials; therefore, the city of Laramie community should recognize and join MLK Day of Service as many other communities around the country have committed to.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Paul Weaver, Mayor and President of the governing body of the City of Laramie, Wyoming do hereby proclaim that every MLK Day holiday starting on January 17, 2022, be recognized and celebrated as

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service**

and encourage residents to participate in completing acts of community service.

Dated and signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

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Paul Weaver  
Mayor and President of Laramie City Council

Attest:

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Nancy Bartholomew, CMC  
City Clerk