



PROCLAMATION

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a world respected leader, will always be remembered for his active roles in promoting racial equality through non-violent protests. The Baptist minister and social activist participated and led marches for blacks' right to vote, desegregation, labor rights, and other civil rights which were geared towards ending racial discrimination and racial segregation, and;

WHEREAS, his devotion to racial equality saw great successes in his lifetime. Aside from being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his civil rights and activism, the causes for the protests Dr Martin Luther King Jr. participated in were mostly enacted into law with the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Voting Rights Act of 1965 in the US. These laws made racial segregation in public places illegal and banned employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or nationality. They also helped remove legal barriers that made it difficult for African Americans to vote, and;

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. remains an inspiration, a face for racial equality and admiration to those who stand for human rights, equality, and justice, and;

WHEREAS, the residents of the city of Fort Saskatchewan remember and honour the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King. We reiterate our commitment to upholding the principles of human rights, equality, and justice for all and we shall continue to fight racism and discrimination in our city.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Gale Katchur, on behalf of the City of Fort Saskatchewan Council, do hereby proclaim January 17, 2022, as "Martin Luther King Jr. Day" in the City of Fort Saskatchewan.

Mayor Gale Katchur

January 17, 2022