

Proclamation

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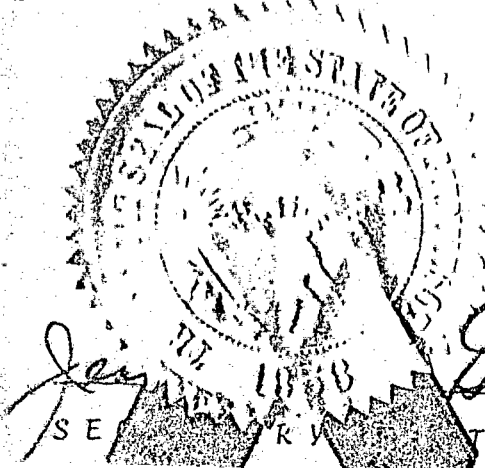
- WHEREAS: Martin Luther King, Sr., pastor emeritus of Atlanta's Ebenezer Church, was born in Stockbridge, Georgia in 1899, the oldest of ten children; and
- WHEREAS: he learned as a boy the meaning of work and self-sacrifice and chose at an early age to enter the ministry; and
- WHEREAS: he earned his Bachelor of Theology degree from the School of Religion, Morehouse College, and Doctor of Divinity degrees from both Morris Brown College and Morehouse; and
- WHEREAS: while still a student he married Alberta Williams, daughter of Rev. A. D. Williams, whom he followed as pastor of the Ebenezer Church; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. King pioneered in involving his church in community affairs and was an early leader in the civil rights movement; and
- WHEREAS: Martin Luther King, Sr.'s commitment to social and economic justice for all people has long been recognized; and
- WHEREAS: he is a trusted arbiter in union problems and his dedication to the poor and the powerless can be measured by his deeds; and
- WHEREAS: the deaths of his beloved wife, and his son, Martin Luther King, Jr., one of the great men of our time, and a younger son, Rev. A. D. King, were tragedies mourned by the world; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. King has borne these adversities with the kind of strength and courage that have characterized his life; and
- WHEREAS: this strength and courage can be summed up in his own words: "Suffering -- pain -- are redemptive things. These are the things that make men whole, who are meant to be whole. Any man of God, who is worthy of that name, has to know how to suffer"; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. King has been awarded numerous honorary degrees and awards and serves on the boards of a number of prominent civic and religious organizations; and
- WHEREAS: he received the "Clergyman of the Year Award" by the Council of Christians and Jews in 1973, and in 1975, he was the recipient of the highest honor bestowed on a foreigner by the Republic of Senegal, West Africa, the "Order of the Lion"; and
- WHEREAS: our state is honored that Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr. is here to share with us his deep and abiding faith in God and man;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, October 10, 1976 to be

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR. DAY

in Minnesota.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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J. L. E. D.
Secretary of State

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this eighth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-six and of the State the one hundred eighteenth.

Wendell R. Anderson

GOVERNOR