

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held on the 20th day of January 2026, at 6:00 pm local time.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following resolution was offered by _____ and supported by _____.

WHEREAS, the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a leader of the American civil rights movement and whose legacy encompasses influential decisions, monumental actions and steadfast progressions of humanitarian rights reaching far beyond the civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, as noted by the National Civil Rights Museum, "a leader of all people, Dr. King never chose fear, but always chose courage and determination when fighting for civil rights in the face of oppression, ignorance and violence. He refused to allow prison, violence or the threat of death to sway his end mission"; instead, Dr. King stood beside his goal of achieving rights for all through nonviolent protests; and

WHEREAS, he and other civil rights activists collectively influenced nationwide change, with Dr. King's leadership contributing to the overall success of the civil rights movement in the mid-20th century and which continues to impact civil rights movements today; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's life was tragically cut short by an assassin's bullet on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee while he was championing the cause of labor in the Sanitation Workers' Strike; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's life will always shine as a light for those without hope and as an example to be emulated by all who care about their fellow human beings, regardless of race, religion, class or nationality; and

WHEREAS, due to the efforts of many dedicated community leaders and activists who sought national recognition for Dr. King, the third Monday in January is nationally recognized across the United States as a day to remember Dr. King, his legacy, and the causes for which he fought and died; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, the third Monday of January shall be recognized as Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

ADOPTED: YEAS:

NAYS:

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss
COUNTY OF INGHAM)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board on the 20th day of January 2026.



Angela Demas, Clerk
Charter Township of Meridian