

City of Lakewood Proclamation

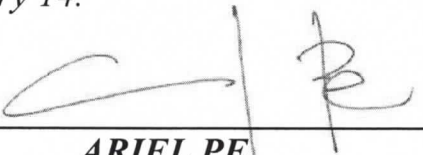
PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF THE REVEREND DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. January 15, 2024

WHEREAS, the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. was a champion in the struggle to achieve long overdue civil rights throughout our nation for African Americans, who in the 1950s and 1960s were still being denied those rights in many aspects of life in our country; and

WHEREAS, despite the most egregious of transgressions that Dr. King fought against, he always did so as a firm believer in the moral power of non-violent, thoughtful, and brotherly and sisterly communication as the way to persuade others towards political action and political change; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King was also a fervent and committed constitutionalist, and undertook his work with great reverence for the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, which he referred to as "those great wells of democracy" which the Founding Fathers dug so deep;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ariel Pe, Mayor of Lakewood, on behalf of the City Council and the community, do hereby honor the life and legacy of the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. on the national holiday dedicated to him on January 15, 2024 and encourage the residents of our community to join in studying the philosophy of peaceful non-violent political action advocated by Dr. King and participating in community events and gatherings, such as that sponsored by the Lakewood Interfaith Council at the Lakewood Family YMCA on January 14.



ARIEL PE
MAYOR

