

Oakland County Board of Commissioners

PROCLAMATION

Honoring

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Task Force, Inc.

WHEREAS, the City of Southfield's first Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace Walk took place on January 20, 1986, commemorating the first national observance of Dr. King's birthday. This historic event established Southfield as being the first city in the State of Michigan to hold a community-wide celebration in honor of Dr. King; and

WHEREAS, the first co-chairs of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Task Force's Peace Walk were Councilwoman Barbara Talley and Rev. Mark Jensen, of North Congregation Church. The one-mile Peace Walk proceeded down Civic Center Drive and culminated with a program at the Southfield Pavilion. The event drew more than 1,000 participants; and

WHEREAS, for 25 years, this dedicated group of volunteers, students, elected officials and community leaders have provided a wide variety of programs that engage people of all ages and backgrounds in recognizing the ongoing struggle for peace, human rights, dignity, and brotherhood among all people of the world; and

WHEREAS, the walk and program continue to grow in size and scope each year; now offering year-long educational and community activities. In passing the torch to the next generation, a multitude of youth programs have been developed to promote community involvement, self-development and leadership development; and

WHEREAS, it is our distinct pleasure to join with the City of Southfield and residents throughout Oakland County and beyond, in recognizing the leaders, volunteers and supporters of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Task Force, whose collective efforts are a living testament to his dreams.

NOW THEREFORE, Bill Bullard, Jr., Chairman of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, together with Commissioners Eric Coleman, Janet Jackson, and Helaine Zack, do hereby proclaim commendation to Southfield's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Task Force, on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary. We come together to celebrate Dr. King's legacy with extraordinary events and exceptional programs are highly deserving of this honor from a proud and grateful community.

Attested to this 18th day of January, 2010, at Pontiac, Michigan.

Bill Bullard Jr.

Bill Bullard, Jr., Chairman
Oakland County Board of Commissioners

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