



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

WHEREAS, in 1983 Congress and President Ronald Reagan signed into law Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to honor the legacy of one of America's most admired civil rights leaders; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King held peaceful assemblies, gave passionate speeches, and attended non-violent protests to advocate his vision of a nation built on a foundation of equality for all; and

WHEREAS, The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change (The King Center) calls for states to "Let Freedom Ring: Choose Nonviolence," and let bells across the nation ring to symbolically sound the end of the age of addressing conflict and social injustice with violence, and herald a new era of nonviolent social change based on the teachings of Dr. King; and

WHEREAS, The King Center also calls for everyone to observe a moratorium on violence: "No Shots Fired, whether by tongue, fist, or guns"; and

WHEREAS, Florida honors Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his dream in the state's 2014 Black History Month theme of "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Dream: 50 Years in Action"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's work inspired hope and justice in the hearts of men and women in the Sunshine State, across the nation, and around the world; and

WHEREAS, as our state and nation observe Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the many contributions that Dr. King made to the civil rights movement are honored, and the cause of justice and equality for all people is celebrated;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing January 20, 2014, as *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 17th day of January, in the year two thousand fourteen.


Governor