

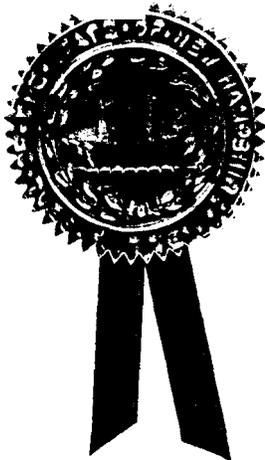
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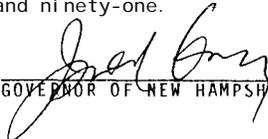
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 91-1

an order establishing January 20, 1991 as  
Martin Luther King, Jr., and civil rights  
celebration day.

- WHEREAS, the State of New Hampshire, in spirit and in law, strives to protect civil rights and has always been opposed to discrimination with regard to age, sex, race, creed, color, and national origin; and
- WHEREAS, anti-discrimination laws of our State and Nation were cherished by the late American clergyman Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. King was the leader of the civil rights movement in the United States during the 1950's and 1960's -- he helped introduce the strategy of civil disobedience to the black struggle for equality and turned the struggle into a mass movement; and
- WHEREAS, his magnificent speaking ability enabled him to effectively express the demands of black Americans for social justice; and
- WHEREAS, his eloquent pleas won wide support for the civil rights movement and resulted in laws being abolished that barred integration; and
- WHEREAS, while serving as president of the successful boycott protesting the segregated bus system in Montgomery, Alabama, Dr. King emphasized that, "The Great glory of American democracy is the right to protest for right;" and
- WHEREAS, Dr. King and other civil rights leaders led the massive March on Washington, comprised of Americans from throughout the country of all faiths, races and creeds -- this demonstration led to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibiting discrimination in public places and calling for equal opportunity in employment and education; and
- WHEREAS, the high point of the March on Washington was Dr. King's electrifying "I Have A Dream" speech which defined the moral basis of the civil rights movement and his hope for the time when the evils of prejudice and segregation vanish; and
- WHEREAS, in 1965 Dr. King helped organize protests that led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. King's tremendous contributions to advancing civil rights in our society were formally recognized with the Nobel Peace Prize for his leadership of nonviolent demonstrations; and
- WHEREAS, during this month of Dr. King's birthday, it is important to remember and celebrate the progress he made, and the improvements made in our State and Nation, to protect the freedoms and equality of our citizens;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUDD GREGG, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, by virtue of the authority vested in me under Part 2, Article 41, of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby establish January 20, 1991 as MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and CIVIL RIGHTS CELEBRATION DAY.



Given under my hand and seal at the  
Executive Chambers this 15th day of  
January, in the year of our Lord,  
one thousand nine hundred  
and ninety-one.

  
GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE