



*City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado*

# Proclamation

**Whereas,** that all people, regardless of the color of their skin, the persuasion of their theology, or the level of their intelligence, were built by one Creator with one blood, designed and fashioned to live on one earth with one another; and

**Whereas,** Martin Luther King, Jr. was a minister who dedicated his life for this purpose so we may, as Americans, truly live out the Declaration of Independence as we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all people are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

**Whereas,** the third Monday of each January is acknowledged as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in Grand Junction to honor a great American who awakened a nation's conscience to not judge a person by the color of their skin but by the content of their character; and

**Whereas,** in cooperation with the City of Grand Junction, the Avalon Theatre will commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by showing the movies *Spiderman - Spider Verse* and *Harriet* on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, J. Merrick Taggart, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim January 20, 2020 as

## *"Martin Luther King, Jr. Day"*

in the City of Grand Junction and encourage all citizens of Grand Junction to observe this day with appropriate activities and programs that honor the memory and legacy of Dr. King.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Merrick Taggart".

Mayor