

# City of Pleasant Hill

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. lifted the hopes of our Nation whether behind his pulpit in Montgomery, at a podium on the National Mall, or from his jail cell in Birmingham with the powers of his voice and pen; and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. King beckoned us toward justice with the statement that the threat of injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere and that with the absence of oppression, there also needs to be the presence of opportunity; and*

*WHEREAS, his soaring rhetoric impelled others to take up his cause as change rippled across the land, strengthening with time, building on the progress realized on buses, in schools and at lunch counters so that eventually, it would reverberate in the halls of government and be felt in the lives of people across our country through changed laws, hearts, and minds; and*

*WHEREAS, those who dismiss the progress that has been made dishonor the courage of all who marched and struggled to bring about this change -- and those who suggest that the great task of extending our Nation's promise to every individual is somehow complete, neglect the sacrifices that made it possible and remind us that the arc of the moral universe may bend toward justice; and*

*WHEREAS, as we reflect on Dr. King's legacy, we celebrate a man and a movement that transformed our country through the causes he championed -- from civil rights and international peace to job creation and economic justice -- it is right that today we remember that our freedom is inextricably bound to the freedom of others; and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. King taught us that "the ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of convenience and comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy;" by standing up for what we know to be right and speaking uncomfortable truths, we can align our reality closer with the ideal enshrined in our founding documents that all people are created equal.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, SUE NOACK, Mayor of the City of Pleasant Hill, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim January 18, 2021 as*

**"DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY"**

*in the CITY OF PLEASANT HILL, and call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.*



*Sue Noack*  
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**SUE NOACK, Mayor**  
January 11, 2021