

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-15-66

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZING THE THIRD MONDAY OF JANUARY EACH YEAR AS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO FORWARD A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO ALL APPLICABLE PRINT MEDIA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, 15 years after Dr. King's death, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill into law making the third Monday of January a national holiday celebrating the birth and life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

**WHEREAS**, there were many who opposed the idea of a holiday for Dr. King; America had only honored two individuals with national holidays – George Washington and Christopher Columbus; many felt that there were other Americans that deserved a national holiday, such as Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy; and

**WHEREAS**, it took many years for Congress to decide to celebrate the holiday; in the years leading up to the official decree many African-Americans celebrated the birthday themselves with a few states declaring King's birthday a state holiday; the bill was finally passed by both the House of Representatives and the Senate and was signed into law on November 2, 1983; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the belief of this Council that the role of municipal government is crucial to achieving the kind of inclusive society Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., dreamed of; today his dream is reinforced by the demographical changes that are making this country and our communities more diverse and multicultural; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Gardens is proud to recognize the third Monday of January as a national holiday in the City of Miami Gardens honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1:**     Recognizing.     The City of Miami Gardens hereby recognizes the third Monday in January as a national holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

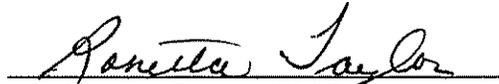
**Section 2:**     Directing the City Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to all applicable print media.

**Section 3:**     Effective Date.     This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this 14th day of January, 2004.

  
Shirley Gibson, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Ronetta Taylor, CMC  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**

  
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Hans Ottnot, Interim City Attorney

Moved by: Councilman Braynon

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Campbell

**VOTE: 6-0**

Mayor Gibson	<u>  x  </u> (Yes)	____ (No)
Vice Mayor Aaron Campbell	<u>  x  </u> (Yes)	____ (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u>  x  </u> (Yes)	____ (No)
Councilman Oscar Braynon, II	____ (Yes)	____ (No) (Not present)
Councilwoman Audrey J. King	<u>  x  </u> (Yes)	____ (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<u>  x  </u> (Yes)	____ (No)
Councilwoman Barbara Watson	<u>  x  </u> (Yes)	____ (No)