

COUNCIL CHAMBER

City of Berea, Ohio

RESOLUTION No. 2015-1

By Jim Maxwell Sponsored By Mayor Cyril M. Kleem
All Members of Council

A RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE 2015 CELEBRATION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WHEREAS, the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr. is celebrated each year as a legal holiday in the United States, and in 2015 this holiday occurs on Monday, January 19th, with celebrations and events surrounding the theme of "One Flame, One Voice, One Dream" taking place throughout the week; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, January 18th, "Songfest 2015", a celebration of gospel music featuring Baldwin Wallace's Voices of Praise, Berea-Midpark High School choirs, and other performing artists, will be held at the United Methodist Church of Berea, located at 170 Seminary Street, beginning at 4:00p.m.; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, January 19th, the Martin Luther King, Jr. national holiday, the Annual MLK Prayer Breakfast will be held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 572 Pearl Street, and will begin at 9:00a.m., featuring music, readings, an inspirational speaker, and a delicious breakfast; and

WHEREAS, during the evening of Tuesday, January 20th, the annual MLK Candlelight March will begin at 6:30p.m. at Berea-Midpark High School, 165 E. Bagley Road. University and community residents will combine to march in the strong, steady light of Dr. King's accomplishments and the spirit of hope he inspired, and conclude with a brief reflection; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, January 21st, "Creative Expressions-Video Presentation" will be held at the Berea Library, 7 Berea Commons, beginning at 7:00p.m. This reception will showcase short videos, prepared by students, that celebrate the ideals and legacy of Dr. King; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, January 22nd, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Learning will commence at 10:00a.m. This activity aims to honor the memory of Dr. King through service to the community. High school and university students will host educational and interactive activities for elementary school children, based upon Dr. King's legacy and the Civil Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, January 22nd, at 12:15p.m., the Lindsay-Crossman Chapel, 56 Seminary Street, will host a Worship Service to honor the memory of Dr. King; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, January 22nd, Cleveland native, journalist and poet, Charlise Lyles, will deliver the week's keynote speech as a part of "Enduring Questions: The Mark Collier Lecture Series." The keynote address will begin at 8:00p.m. at the Kleist Center for Art & Drama, located at 95 E. Bagley Road; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, January 23rd, "Your Feet: My Shoes", an interactive exhibit, will be showcased at Strosacker Hall-College Union, 120 E. Grand Street, from 10:00a.m. until 4:00p.m. Visitors will walk through an interactive maze that illustrates common problems and issues in our current society. The purpose of the activity is to stimulate awareness, understanding and acceptance of diversity by offering visitors the opportunity to step out of their comfort zones, and walk in the shoes of another; and

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WHEREAS, throughout the month of January, Baldwin Wallace University's Ritter Library, 57 E. Bagley Road, will feature a "MLK and Peace at a Time of War" display that celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his contributions to peace at a time of extraordinary conflict in America and on foreign shores.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berea, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor, Administration, Council President and all Members of this Council support the activities commemorating the birth and life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., sponsored by Baldwin Wallace University, the Berea City School District, the Cuyahoga County Public Library, and the City of Berea during the month of January 2015, and do, in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, call upon all citizens and civic, cultural, and religious groups in the City of Berea to join in the celebration by taking part in the events being sponsored in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., an exceptional American leader.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: January 5, 2015

ATTEST: [Signature]
Clerk of Council

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President of Council

APPROVED: January 6, 2015
[Signature]
Mayor

Approved as to Form:

[Signature]
Director of Law