



EL PASO COUNTY  
STATE OF TEXAS

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RESOLUTION



**WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s contributions to United States history placed him in this inimitable position. In his short lifetime, Martin Luther King, Jr. was instrumental in helping us realize and rectify those unspeakable flaws which were tarnishing America's name; and,

**WHEREAS**, prior to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Black Americans faced restrictive laws and customs. Individuals who broke these laws were subject to arrest and the harshness of the legal system. In December 1956, the United States Supreme Court declared Alabama's Segregation Laws unconstitutional. This led to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and,

**WHEREAS**, Black Americans needed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., but above all, America needed him. Within a span of 13 years from 1955 to his death in 1968, he was able to expound, expose, and extricate America from many wrongs; and,

**WHEREAS**, in late 1967, Dr. King initiated a Poor People Campaign designed to confront economic problems that had gone unaddressed by earlier civil rights reforms. The following year, while supporting striking sanitation workers in Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968. WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE: MOVING FORWARD, WE CANNOT LOSE OUR HARD-EARNED CIVIL RIGHTS "STANDING STRONG IN AN ADVERSE WORLD."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the El Paso County Judge and Commissioners Court recognize Monday, January 15, 2024, as:

***“DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY”***

*SIGNED, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024*

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*Commissioner Carlos Leon, Pct. 1*

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*Commissioner David C. Stout, Pct. 2*

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*Commissioner Iliana Holguin, Pct. 3*

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*Commissioner Sergio Coronado, Pct. 4*

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*County Judge Ricardo A. Samaniego*