"FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP"
By Dwayne Glapion

The Power of Democracy: Breaking Barriers and Borders

January 10-27, 2016

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
Commemoration

City of Aurora, Colorado

1987-2016
Anthem

James Weldon Johnson

The Negro National Anthem

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
High as the listening skies;
Let our rejoicing rise
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark
Felt in the days when hope unborn
past has taught us,
had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our
Come to the place for which our
fathers sighed.
fathers sighed.
We have come over a way that with tears
We have come over a way that with tears
have been watered,
We have come, treading our path through
Our
Where the white gleam of our bright
Where the white gleam of our bright
star is cast.
star is cast.

Stony the road we trod,
God of our weary years,
Bitter the chastening rod,
God of our silent tears,
Felt in the days when hope unborn
Thou who has brought us thus far
had died;
on the way;
Yet with a steady beat,
Thou who has by Thy might
Have not our weary feet
Led us into the light,
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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was born on January 15, 1929, and was assassinated on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee, and was known internationally to have advanced a civil atmosphere for all people worldwide; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had many beautiful words of wisdom and peace, and dedicated his life to the dreams of rights and liberty for all people through peaceful means. This week we remember his teachings of choosing to love more than hate, to seek justice rather than revenge, and to refrain from acts of violence to any person, group or race; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize that our community has taken progressive steps forward, but has yet to reach Dr. King’s promised land is not an admission of defeat, but a call to action; and,

WHEREAS, in these challenging times, too many Americans face limited opportunities, but our capacity to support each other remains limitless. Today, let us ask ourselves what Dr. King believed to be life’s most urgent and persistent question: “What are you doing for others?” and,

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora’s week-long events began on Sunday, January 10th at 4:00pm with the “At the Table” ceremony at Colorado Community Church. The holiday will end with the Martin Luther King, Jr. African American Heritage Rodeo of Champions at the National Western Stock Show on Monday, January 18th at 6pm.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen D. Hogan, Mayor of the City of Aurora, Colorado, do hereby proclaim the week of January 10th through January 18th as:

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WEEK

in the City of Aurora, and encourage participation in the planned activities within our city to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s 87th birthday.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Aurora, Colorado to be affixed this 11th day of January, 2016.

Stephen D. Hogan, Mayor
“Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.”

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

“Nonviolence means avoiding not only external physical violence but also internal violence of spirit. You not only refuse to shoot a man, but you refuse to hate him.”

“No one really knows why they’re alive until they know what they’d die for.”

“I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant.”

“Hatred paralyzes life, love releases it; Hatred confuses life, love harmonizes it; Hatred darkens life, love illuminates it.”

“The hope of a secure and livable world lies with disciplined nonconformists who are dedicated to justice, peace, and brotherhood.”

Greetings attendees of the 30th annual celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Week in the city of Aurora, Colorado!

As the Mayor of the city of Aurora, and on behalf of the Aurora City Council, I wish to express our delight in celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and encourage all citizens of the city of Aurora and throughout the metro area to attend planned events during this special week.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. dedicated his life to advancing rights and liberty for all people regardless of ethnicity, race, gender, or creed. One of the greatest attributes of the city of Aurora lies in our diverse cultures that comprise our population. Our diversity is not only demonstrated through our collection of national flags in the lobby of the Aurora Municipal Center, but also through numerous community festivities that honor all cultural backgrounds that make our city such a wonderful place to live and work. Aurora is truly “Worth Discovering!”

I hope you will enjoy this week's festivities and I encourage you to consider one of Dr. King's beautiful and thoughtful quotes: "Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." Today, let us ask ourselves what Dr. King believed to be life’s most urgent question: “What are you doing for others?” Let us commemorate the life of Dr. King’s life through our service to others.

Sincerely,

Stephen D. Hogan
Mayor
Aurora will be the best city in Colorado and an innovative leader in the region by:
- Creating great neighborhoods
- Emphasizing public safety and quality services
- Encouraging a high-quality and high-wage economic environment
- Supporting recreational, cultural, educational and community activities for our citizens

2016 Aurora City Council

![Mayor Photo]

Steve Hogan
Mayor

![Council Member Photos]

Renie Peterson, Ward II
(Mayor Pro-Tem)

Sally Mounier
Ward I

Marsha Berzins
Ward III

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Ward IV

Bob Roth
Ward V

Françoise Bergan
Ward VI

Barbara Cleland
At-Large

Angela Lawson
At-Large

Bob LeGare
At-Large

Brad Pierce
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### 2016 CALENDAR

#### JANUARY

1. New Year’s Day
   (City Offices Closed)

11. Aurora City Council Meeting

18. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
   (City Offices Closed)

25. Aurora City Council Meeting

29. Winter Workshop

20-31. Winter Workshop

#### FEBRUARY

1. African American History Month

8. Aurora City Council Meeting

14. Valentine’s Day

13. Presidents Day
   (City Offices Closed)

22. Aurora City Council Meeting

29. Special Study Session

#### MARCH

13. Women’s History Month

14. Aurora City Council Meeting

19. First Day of Spring

21. Aurora City Council Meeting

3/27-4/1. Aurora Public Schools & Cherry Creek
   Public Schools Spring Break

11. Daylight Saving Time Ends

8. Cinco De Mayo

9. Mother’s Day

16. Aurora City Council Meeting

19. Aurora City Council Meeting

27. Aurora City Council Meeting

31. Memorial Day
   (City Offices Closed)

TBD. Special Study Session

11. KilSpree

13-14. Accelerate Colorado

19. Juneteenth Day

20. Father’s Day

21. First Day of Summer

27. Aurora City Council Meeting

TBD. Special Study Session

#### APRIL

1. Easter Sunday

22-30. Passover

25. Good Friday

27. Easter Sunday

8. Aurora City Council Meeting

14. Valentine’s Day

15. Presidents Day
   (City Offices Closed)

22. Aurora City Council Meeting

30. Memorial Day
   (City Offices Closed)

TBD. Special Study Session

5. Labor Day
   (City Offices Closed)

12. Aurora City Council Meeting

19. Special Study Session - City Manager
   Budget Presentation

21. Special Study Session - B&C Budget
   Presentation

24-25. Thanksgiving Holiday
   (City Offices Closed)

11. Daylight Saving Time Ends

8. Election Day

11. Veterans Day
   (City Offices Closed)

14. Aurora City Council Meeting

21. Aurora City Council Meeting

24-25. Thanksgiving Holiday
   (City Offices Closed)

5. Aurora City Council Meeting

6. Holiday Lighting Ceremony

12. Special Study Session

25. Christmas Day

26. Christmas Day Observed
   (City Offices Closed)

31. New Year’s Eve
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Grand Design Inc. / Cleo Parker Robinson Noon, Aurora Fox Arts Center 9900 E. Colfax Ave., Aurora, CO 80010 Contemporary vocal and dance performances
Community Relations Division Aurora TV Forums 7 p.m., Channel 8 and AuroraTV.org Live telecast

Thursday, Jan. 14
Job Fair and Resume Writing Workshop 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Aurora Municipal Center, Lobby Sponsored by Solutions for Transformation
Aurora NAACP Forum on Race 7 p.m., Aurora Municipal Center, Aurora Room

Friday, Jan. 15
Aurora Community of Faith Annual Breakfast 8 a.m., Aurora Municipal Center, Lobby Tickets $15

Saturday, Jan. 16
Aurora NAACP College and Youth Forum on Race 10 a.m., Aurora Strong Resilience Center 1206 Peoria St., Aurora, CO 80011
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission State Scholarship Banquet 6:30 p.m., Heritage Christian Center 14401 E. Exposition Ave., Aurora, CO 80012 An event to honor those students who best exemplify Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s vision

Sunday, Jan. 17
Interfaith Services 9 and 11 a.m., Heritage Christian Center 14401 E. Exposition Ave., Aurora, CO 80012 Community Relations Division
Monday, Jan. 18
Aurora Motorcade Staging and Marade 7:30 a.m., Aurora Municipal Center parking lot Travel to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, 9898 E. Colfax Ave., Aurora, CO 80010 Participants gather at east side of the Aurora Municipal Center and travel to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library for wreath-laying ceremony, then attend Marade at Denver City Park
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Wednesday, Jan. 27
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“Tm Not A Racist … Am I?!” Presentation 11 a.m., Community College of Aurora
Dr. Eddie Moore Presentation and Forum 6 p.m., Community College of Aurora

Sunday, Jan. 24
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (Jan. 15, 1929-April 4, 1968) was born Michael Luther King Jr. but later had his name changed to Martin. His grandfather began the family’s long tenure as pastors of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, serving from 1914 to 1931; his father has served from then until the present, and from 1960 until his death, Martin Luther acted as co-pastor. Martin Luther attended segregated public schools in Georgia, graduating from high school at the age of 15; he received the B.A. degree in 1948 from Morehouse College, a distinguished Negro institution in Atlanta from which both his father and grandfather had graduated. After three years of theological study at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania where he was elected president of a predominantly white senior class, he was awarded the B.D. in 1951. With a fellowship won at Crozer, he enrolled in graduate studies at Boston University, completing his residence for the doctorate in 1953 and receiving the degree in 1955. In Boston he met and married Coretta Scott, a young woman of uncommon intellectual and artistic attainments. Two sons and two daughters were born into the family.

In 1954, Martin Luther King became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala. Always a strong worker for civil rights for members of his race, King was, by this time, a member of the executive committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the leading organization of its kind in the nation. He was ready, then, early in December 1955, to accept the leadership of the first great Negro nonviolent demonstration of contemporary times in the United States, the bus boycott described by Gunnar Jahn in his presentation speech in honor of the laureate. The boycott lasted 382 days. On Dec. 21, 1956, after the Supreme Court of the United States had declared the laws requiring segregation on buses unconstitutional. Negroes and whites rode the buses as equals. During these days of boycott, King was arrested, his home was bombed, he was subjected to personal abuse, and at the same time, he emerged as a Negro leader of the first rank.

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Sunday, Jan. 10
At the Table
4 p.m., Colorado Community Church
2220 S. Chambers Road, Aurora, CO 80014
A production of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s life

Monday, Jan. 11
Opening Ceremony
10 a.m., Aurora Municipal Center, Lobby
15151 E. Alameda Parkway, Aurora, CO 80012
Aurora Mayor Steve Hogan welcomes the public to a week of commemorative events. Honor guard presentation by Central High School, choir selections by Aurora Hills Middle School, and Wa Shonai Quil Guild display

Candlelight Vigil
6:30 p.m., Aurora Municipal Center, Great Lawn

Proclamation and After-Party
7:30 p.m., Aurora Municipal Center, City Council Chamber

Tuesday, Jan. 12
School Forums
11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Aurora Municipal Center, City Council Chamber
Cherry Creek and Aurora Public Schools students

Cultural Heritage Extravaganza
7 p.m., Aurora Fox Arts Center
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Performers from multiple cultural traditions

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“Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.”

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

“Nonviolence means avoiding not only external physical violence but also internal violence of spirit. You not only refuse to shoot a man, but you refuse to hate him.”

“No one really knows why they’re alive until they know what they’d die for.”

“I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant.”

“Hatred paralyzes life, love releases it; Hatred confuses life, love harmonizes it; Hatred darkens life, love illuminates it.”

“The hope of a secure and livable world lies with disciplined nonconformists who are dedicated to justice, peace, and brotherhood.”

Greetings attendees of the 30th annual celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Week in the city of Aurora, Colorado!

As the Mayor of the city of Aurora, and on behalf of the Aurora City Council, I wish to express our delight in celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and encourage all citizens of the city of Aurora and throughout the metro area to attend planned events during this special week.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. dedicated his life to advancing rights and liberty for all people regardless of ethnicity, race, gender, or creed. One of the greatest attributes of the city of Aurora lies in our diverse cultures that comprise our population. Our diversity is not only demonstrated through our collection of national flags in the lobby of the Aurora Municipal Center, but also through numerous community festivities that honor all cultural backgrounds that make our city such a wonderful place to live and work. Aurora is truly “Worth Discovering!”

I hope you will enjoy this week’s festivities and I encourage you to consider one of Dr. King’s beautiful and thoughtful quotes: “Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.” Today, let us ask ourselves what Dr. King believed to be life’s most urgent question: “What are you doing for others?” Let us commemorate the life of Dr. King’s life through our service to others.

Sincerely,

Stephen D. Hogan
Mayor
WHEREAS, the Congress and the President of the United States have established, by law, a national holiday on the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birth, that started in the year 1986, and will be observed this year for the 30th time in the City of Aurora; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, and was assassinated on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee, and was known internationally to have advanced a civil atmosphere for all people worldwide; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had many beautiful words of wisdom and peace, and dedicated his life to the dreams of rights and liberty for all people through peaceful means. This week we remember his teachings of choosing to love more than hate, to seek justice rather than revenge, and to refrain from acts of violence to any person, group or race; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize that our community has taken progressive steps forward, but has yet to reach Dr. King’s promised land is not an admission of defeat, but a call to action; and,

WHEREAS, in these challenging times, too many Americans face limited opportunities, but our capacity to support each other remains limitless. Today, let us ask ourselves what Dr. King believed to be life’s most urgent and persistent question: “What are you doing for others?” and,

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora’s week-long events began on Sunday, January 10th at 4:00pm with the “At the Table” ceremony at Colorado Community Church. The holiday will end with the Martin Luther King, Jr. African American Heritage Rodeo of Champions at the National Western Stock Show on Monday, January 18th at 6pm.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen D. Hogan, Mayor of the City of Aurora, Colorado, do hereby proclaim the week of January 10th through January 18th as:

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WEEK

in the City of Aurora, and encourage participation in the planned activities within our city to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s 87th birthday.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Aurora, Colorado to be affixed this 11th day of January, 2016.

[Signature]

Stephen D. Hogan, Mayor

JAMES WELDON JOHNSON
The Negro National Anthem

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Faced the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed.
We have come over a way that with tears have been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, Our God, where we met Thee;
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand.
True to our God,
True to our native land.
"FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP"
By Dwayne Glapion

The Power of Democracy: Breaking Barriers and Borders

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. Commemoration

January 10-27, 2016
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