

# Proclamation

City of Thomasville, North Carolina  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Week  
January 9 – 15, 2024

WHEREAS, on November 2, 1983, Congress designated the third Monday in January as a federal holiday, and the first King Holiday was celebrated on January 20, 1986; and observed by a week of community activities since January, 2001, uniting government, business, civic organizations and houses of worship; and

WHEREAS, the Martin Luther King Social Action Committee, Inc., founded in 1993, advances and promotes the unfinished work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through teaching, advocating and promoting the non-violent elimination of poverty, racism and hate; and

WHEREAS, a local theme has been adopted for Thomasville's 38<sup>th</sup> annual Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday celebration – "Knowledge is Never Wisdom Until it is Shared"; and

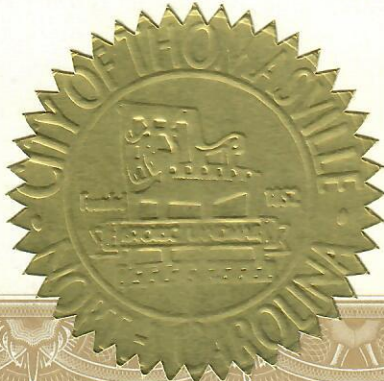
WHEREAS, we, as individuals and as a community, must take a stand and continue to work together to make freedom, justice and equal opportunity a reality for all people.

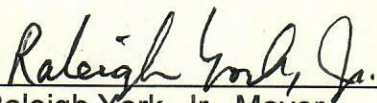
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Raleigh York, Jr., Mayor of the City of Thomasville, do hereby proclaim January 9 – 15, 2024 as:

## DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WEEK

in Thomasville and urge all residents to join in the rededication of themselves to the building of a "Cherished Beloved Community" this week and all year long.

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.



  
Raleigh York, Jr., Mayor  
Thomasville, North Carolina