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2 **Authorizing the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade as an Official**
3 **City of Annapolis Co-Sponsored Event** – For the purpose of authorizing the annual Martin
4 Luther King, Jr. Parade as an official co-sponsored City of Annapolis event due to his
5 importance and significance to our country and our community.
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8 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
9 **City of Annapolis**

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11 **Resolution 27-14**

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13 **Introduced by: Alderman Budge and Alderwoman Finlayson**

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15 **Referred to**
16 **Finance**

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18 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

19 **Authorizing the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade as an Official City of Annapolis**
20 **Co-Sponsored Event**

21 **FOR** the purpose of authorizing the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade as an official co-
22 sponsored City of Annapolis event due to his importance and significance to our country
23 and our community.
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25 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., born January 15, 1929, dedicated his life to
26 identifying and righting racial inequality throughout our country; and
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28 **WHEREAS,** Dr. King went to India, and met with the family of Mahatma Gandhi and
29 followed Gandhi's teachings; and
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31 **WHEREAS,** Dr. King became the leader of the national campaign for Civil Rights; and
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33 **WHEREAS,** when Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on the bus and was arrested, Dr.
34 King led the Montgomery bus boycott, which led to the Supreme Court decision
35 ruling that bus segregation was illegal; and
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37 **WHEREAS,** based on Dr. King's work, the Interstate Commerce Commission banned
38 segregation in interstate travel; and
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40 **WHEREAS,** on June 23, 1962, Dr. King led a group of 125,000 people in a Freedom Walk
41 in Detroit; and
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43 **WHEREAS,** on August 28, 1963, Dr. King joined more than 250,000 people in the March on
44 Washington and where he delivered the famous "I Have a Dream" speech; and
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46 **WHEREAS,** Dr. King was the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize which he
47 received for combating racial inequality through nonviolence; and
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- 1 **WHEREAS,** Dr. King also received the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the
2 Congressional Gold Medal; and
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4 **WHEREAS,** in 1983, President Reagan signed the law declaring the third Monday in
5 January as Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a federal holiday; and
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7 **WHEREAS,** in 1989, Maryland was one of the 44 states to adopt the Martin Luther King Jr.
8 holiday; and
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10 **WHEREAS,** the City of Annapolis observes the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.
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13 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City of
14 Annapolis shall co-sponsor the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade with the event organizers as
15 an annual event to be held on the third Monday in January in recognition of the significance and
16 enduring legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
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18 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City shall
19 waive full fees associated with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade.
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21 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the Dr. Martin
22 Luther King, Jr. Parade, or its designee, is required to obtain all City permits determined
23 necessary for the safe execution of the Parade.
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26 **ADOPTED** this _____ day of _____, _____.
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31 **EXPLANATION**

32 CAPITAL LETTERS indicate matter added to existing law.

33 ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.

34 Underlining indicates amendments.