

Office of the MAYOR

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# Proclamation

## *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., born January 15, 1929, was a prominent leader of the American civil rights movement whose tireless advocacy for justice, equality, and nonviolent social change helped advance civil and human rights for all people; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. King's leadership and moral courage challenged the conscience of the nation and inspired progress toward ending racial segregation, discrimination, and injustice; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. King's enduring legacy reminds us that freedom, equality, and justice are responsibilities that must be actively upheld by each generation; and

**WHEREAS**, the observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day provides an opportunity for reflection, education, and community service, encouraging residents to work toward a more inclusive, equitable, and compassionate society; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Groton recognizes the importance of honoring Dr. King's life and legacy by reaffirming our commitment to mutual respect, civic engagement, and the principles of equality and dignity for all;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Jill Rusk, Mayor of the City of Groton, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of the City of Groton, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 19, 2026 as

### **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**

in the City of Groton and encourage all residents to honor this day through acts of service, reflection, and a renewed commitment to building a just and united community.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Official Seal of the City of Groton, this nineteenth day of January, 2026.

*Jill Rusk*

Jill Rusk,  
Mayor, City of Groton