

PROCLAMATION DECLARING JANUARY 20, 2014 AS DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY AND CELEBRATING THE LBJ-MLK CROSSROADS MEMORIAL

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WHEREAS, the people of the United States will observe the federal holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 20, 2014 to celebrate the birthday of this significant civil rights leader who inspired profound and lasting change in our nation; and

WHEREAS, local, state and national organizations will remember this great man by living the theme of his legacy in 2014, observing the holiday as a national day of service—"A Day On, Not a Day Off;" and

WHEREAS, 2014 marks the 151st anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation issued by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863 during the third year of the Civil War that led to the end of slavery in the United States and the great journey to secure the civil rights of all people in America; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Hays County, San Marcos and Texas State University each year commemorate the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to our nation, our state and to the people of Hays County with special observances, including this year honoring the 50th anniversary of passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; recognizing local Civil Rights Trailblazers, holding our annual program at the Hays County Courthouse with a march to the unique crossroads of Lyndon B. Johnson Drive and Martin Luther King Jr Drive in San Marcos, Texas; and

WHEREAS, at this intersection, our community will celebrate the dedication ceremony for the "LBJ-MLK Crossroads Memorial," a public sculpture by artist Aaron Hussey of Baton Rouge, LA., commemorating the historic connection between President Lyndon B. Johnson and Martin Luther King, Jr. as they transformed American civil rights in the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this holiday is to encourage all Americans to fulfill Martin Luther King's vision of freedom, equality and opportunity for all people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Hays County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim January 20, 2014 as:

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY AND CELEBRATING THE LBJ-MLK CROSSROADS MEMORIAL

And call upon the citizens of Hays County to honor the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. and President Lyndon Baines Johnson and to participate in local observances that commemorate their important contributions to our nation.

ADOPTED THIS THE 14 DAY OF JANUARY, 20

Bert Cobb

Hays County Judge

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Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe

Commissioner, Pct

Mark Jones Commissioner, P

Will Conley

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Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST:

Liz Q. Gonzalez Hays County Clerk 4