



***Proclamation Celebrating  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
January 16, 2023***

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once noted that the writers of our Constitution and the Declaration of Independence were given the duty to draft and sign a promissory note to which every American would benefit the guaranteed unalienable rights of Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

The officers and elected officials of the City of Traverse City recognize this promise and vow to uphold these rights for all people when as they support the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Michigan.

The City of Traverse City also recognizes that diversity is an asset to every community, because it provides us with the strength and wisdom of many backgrounds and perspectives and makes our home a more vibrant and interesting place to live.

For these reasons, on January 16, 2023, I, Richard I. Lewis, Mayor of Traverse City, Michigan, proclaim the importance of remembering Dr. King today, on the state and federal holiday celebrating his birthday and his life. I encourage all of our citizens to reflect on how we can work harder to make good on the promissory note signed by our nation's founders, and fully realize the dream that Dr. King so eloquently shared with us nearly 50 years ago.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard I. Lewis".

Richard I. Lewis, Mayor  
City of Traverse City