

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS
PROCLAMATION

**60th ANNIVERSARY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S
VISIT TO NAPERVILLE**

WHEREAS, sixty years ago Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. came to Naperville at the invitation of North Central College Chaplain Reverend George St. Angelo; and

WHEREAS, during King's visit in 1960, Naperville was a "sundown town" and was not without racial discrimination in housing practices; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King delivered two impactful speeches to students and the community at the historic Pfeiffer Hall on November 21, 1960; and

WHEREAS, King's visit was a pivotal event in Naperville, furthering the work of residents at the forefront of the city's civil rights crusade; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King Day marks a vital national remembrance and recognition of the struggle for civil rights and racial justice for all Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Chirico, Mayor of the City of Naperville, in recognition of Martin Luther King Day, do hereby commemorate and honor the

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and encourage all citizens to continue to combat racism and support King's vision of harmony and equality throughout our nation and the Naperville community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Naperville this 19th day of January, 2021.



Steve Chirico, Mayor

