



ROCK ISLAND  
ILLINOIS

Mayor Dennis E. Pauley

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life and career to the advancement of civil rights, equal treatment, and human decency for all people; and

**WHEREAS,** the efforts of Dr. King, and the many others involved in the civil rights movement, have helped to break down the walls of injustice and allow African Americans and other minorities to succeed both as individuals and as members of society; and

**WHEREAS,** the goals and ideals of Dr. King have not yet been fully realized. With that in mind, it is our duty, as Americans, to continue his struggle and to work toward a more understanding and respectful society; and

**WHEREAS,** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day serves to bring people together in remembrance of this true American hero, and encourages citizens to engage in community service, which in turn serves to honor Dr. King's legacy, and advance the cause of justice and equality in America.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor of the City of Rock Island, proclaim January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 as

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**

in the City of Rock Island, Illinois, and encourage citizens to serve their fellow Americans and help to make this a better community thereby providing a fitting memorial to the life of Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 3, 2012  
Date



Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor