

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to civil rights and public service; and

WHEREAS, January 16, 2012, marks the observance of the Federal legal holiday, established by Public Law 94-144, to honor the birthday of Dr. King; and

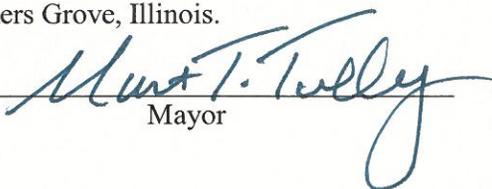
WHEREAS, Dr. King recognized that everybody can be great because everybody can serve, and during his lifetime encouraged all Americans to serve their neighbors and their communities; and

WHEREAS, this day is not only for remembrance and celebration but for a Day of Service to strengthen communities and empower individuals by focusing on bringing people together and breaking down the barriers that have divided us as a nation; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Illinois residents use Martin Luther King Day by performing community service that benefits communities and neighborhoods, and provides a fitting memorial to the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Martin T. Tully, Mayor of the Village of Downers Grove, do hereby proclaim January 16, 2012 as **MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY** in the Village of Downers Grove and recognize it as a Day of Service throughout Illinois.

Dated this 10th day of January 2012 at Downers Grove, Illinois.


Mayor

