

BEREA CITY COUNCIL

City of Berea, Ohio

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-1

By: Councilwoman Lisa Weaver Sponsor: Mayor Cyril M. Klem, Council President Jim Maxwell
All Members of Council

A RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE 2026 CELEBRATION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WHEREAS, the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is celebrated each year as a federal holiday in the United States, and in 2026 this holiday occurs on Monday, January 19th, with celebrations and events sponsored by Baldwin Wallace University, in conjunction with the Berea community, taking place throughout the week; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, January 19th, at 9:00a.m., the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Holiday, the annual MLK Prayer Breakfast will occur at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, and will feature music, readings, a keynote speaker and a delicious breakfast; and

WHEREAS, from 5:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. on January 19th, a MLK Day of Service event, centered around the week's theme of *Building the Beloved Community*, will be held, with volunteers working collaboratively on two initiatives at the Center for Innovation & Growth, located at 340 Front Street; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, January 22nd, the Refresh – MLK Week 2026 event will take place at 11:00a.m. at the Lindsay-Cossman Chapel; and

WHEREAS, throughout the week, artwork created by Berea Midpark High School students, inspired by the week's theme, will be on display at the Berea Public Library, and community members are invited to view the work, as well as create some of their own.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berea, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor of the City of Berea, the President and all Members of Council and the Officers of the Administration do hereby support the 2026 celebration of the birth and life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and, in commemoration of Dr. King's birthday, encourage all citizens and civic, cultural, and religious groups in the City of Berea to participate in the events being held in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., an exceptional, influential and outstanding American leader.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the approval of this Resolution were approved in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

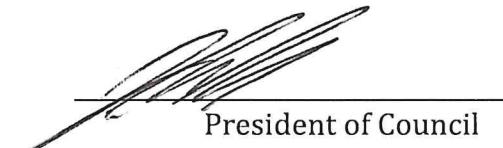
SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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PASSED: January 5, 2026



President of Council

ATTEST: Hyatt
Clerk of Council

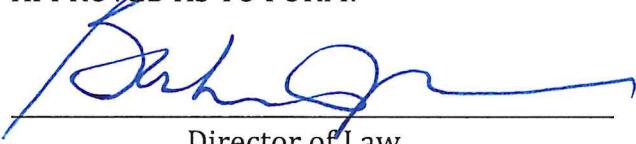
APPROVED:

January 6, 2026
April Klein

Mayor

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Director of Law