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PROCLAMATION

In a sermon given on his last Christmas, Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke of the opposition to the civil rights movement: "Do to us what you will and we will still love you. We cannot in all good conscience obey your unjust laws and abide by the unjust system, because noncooperation with evil is as much a moral obligation as is cooperation with good, and so throw us in jail and we will still love you."

In these remarkable words we see a tremendous will--rooted in religious faith and commitment to nonviolence--to oppose injustice. The message is all the more forceful because of Dr. King's steadfast unwillingness to seek vengeance against those who had wronged his people, his refusal to hate those who had shown hatred toward him. Dr. King's words and actions speak with a moral imperative not only to the black or to the white, or to past events; rather, his thoughts and deeds put forth a timeless challenge to the human family.

In recognition of his contributions to America and to all peoples, I therefore proclaim in the State of California January 15, 1980, the anniversary of his birth, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 11th day of January 1980.

*Ed G. Brown*  
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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