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PROCLAMATION

I refuse to accept the idea that man is mere flotsam and jetsam in the river of life which surrounds him. I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality.

I refuse to accept the cynical notion that nation after nation must spiral down a militaristic stairway into the hell of a thermonuclear destruction. I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right temporarily defeated is stronger than evil triumphant.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
accepting the Nobel  
Peace Prize, 1964

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., led the Civil Rights movement in this country with a deep and abiding faith in the ultimate triumph of freedom for all men and women; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King spoke with such passion and acted with such determination that all America and much of the world saw in him the embodiment of the American dream of freedom, equality, and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, the dream of Dr. King lives on today in the minds and hearts of those who struggle to be free throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the anniversary of his birth is a fitting time to commemorate this great American;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim January 15, 1982 as Martin Luther King Jr. Day in California, and I join all

