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1                   **RESOLUTION IN OBSERVANCE OF THE 81<sup>st</sup> BIRTHDAY**  
2                   **OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

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5                   **WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Fulton County, Georgia on  
6 January 15, 1929, and is also buried here; and

7                   **WHEREAS**, in the early 1950s, Dr. King became the pastor of the Dexter  
8 Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama and subsequently led many of the  
9 greatest nonviolent demonstrations in United States history; and

10                  **WHEREAS**, Dr. King's efforts at social change led to the end of legalized  
11 segregation with the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

12                  **WHEREAS**, at the age of thirty-five, Dr. King became, the then-youngest person  
13 to receive the Nobel Peace Prize; and

14                  **WHEREAS**, in the months prior to his assassination in 1968, Dr. King was  
15 organizing the Poor People's Campaign, traveling across the country to assemble a  
16 multiracial army of protestors representing those that lived below the poverty line; and

17                  **WHEREAS**, Dr. King, through his courage, selflessness, and most importantly  
18 his philosophy of nonviolent direct action, caused a nation to reevaluate its moral  
19 priorities and paved the way for rational and nondestructive social change, a struggle that  
20 is still very relevant today;

21                  **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of  
22 Fulton County proudly joins in the national observance of the 81<sup>st</sup> birthday of Dr. Martin  
23 Luther King Jr., one of our nation's greatest political activists, orators, and citizens, and  
24 directs the Clerk to the Commission to spread this Resolution upon the official minutes  
25 and record of the Board of Commissioners.

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**SO PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2010.

**SPONSORED BY:**

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**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Mark Massey, Clerk to the Commission

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R. David Ware, County Attorney