

# Proclamation



## CITY OF ATLANTA

### Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, The assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. takes from Atlanta one of its greatest citizens of all time, who honored his home city in the eyes of all the world when he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, and

WHEREAS, this senseless act of violence takes from our nation one of its greatest leaders of all time in the cause of human brotherhood and racial amity, and

WHEREAS, this tragic misdeed takes from our world one of its greatest advocates of the cause of peace among all nations and all races, and

WHEREAS, although the physical presence of this eminent American has been torn from us, his soul will go marching on to inspire all Americans to achieve the goal of equal justice, equal opportunity and equal citizenship for each and every American, regardless of race, creed or color, and

WHEREAS, our Atlanta citizenry joins with all men and women of good will everywhere on our earth, and particularly with the good citizenry of our sister city of Memphis, in deploring the deadly shot whose echoes of hatred resounded around the world and in one tragic instant transmitted a living leader of our present to a martyr of ages to come,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor of the City of Atlanta, do hereby proclaim Monday, April 8, as

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF MOURNING  
and call upon all citizens to observe that day in honor of the memory of our eminent fellow citizen and to join with me in praying that, with God's help, our nation may attain the goal of complete racial justice and racial equality for which he gave his life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Seal of the City of Atlanta to be affixed  
this 5th day of April, 1968.

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Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor