

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS;** the Town of Paradise Valley has enjoyed a community wide Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration for the past 20 years.

**WHEREAS;** the Baha'i of Paradise Valley first proposed the event and has partnered with the Town since it's inception; and

**WHEREAS;** Paradise Valley's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration started small, with about 50 attendees and completely held within the Police Department Auditorium is now a regionally recognized event that fills the Town Council Chamber to maximum capacity and requires use of the Board Room and Community Room to accommodate everyone; and

**WHEREAS;** Bahá'u'lláh, the Founder of the Bahá'í Faith, announced a vision of the oneness of humankind and the elimination of all forms of prejudice which aligns with the vision of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.;

**WHEREAS;** the Town's Baha'i Faith Community, as a group of fewer than 15 families and as individuals, has contributed almost \$100,000 over the past 20 years to the success of the Martin Luther King Jr Day Celebration;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Michael Collins, Mayor of the Town of Paradise Valley, do hereby recognize

## **Local Spiritual Assembly of the Paradise Valley Baha'i**

for its vision and accomplishments in creating the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration in partnership with the Town of Paradise Valley.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Town of Paradise Valley this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

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Michael Collins, Mayor

Attest:

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Duncan Miller, Town Clerk