

CITY OF VINELAND

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-361

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. AS ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT LEADERS IN ADVANCING CIVIL RIGHTS AND COMBATING RACIAL INEQUALITY BY AUTHORIZING SIGNAGE ON PLUM STREET ENTITLED “DR. M L KING Jr. WAY” AND FURTHER RECOGNIZING STUDENTS FROM VINELAND HIGH SCHOOL WHO PRESENTED THIS REQUEST TO CITY COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was an American Baptist minister and activist who was one of the most prominent leaders in the Civil Rights movement from 1955 until his assassination on April 4, 1968, advanced civil rights through nonviolent resistance and in 1963 he delivered his “I HAVE A DREAM” speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial all of which led to pivotal legislative gains in the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Fair Housing Act of 1968; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 1964 Dr. King won the Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality, was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 2003; and

WHEREAS, QuaSean Dixon, Ashley Dinshah, I’sabel Mayas and Derek Tribbett represented the Vineland High School student body and their community in requesting City Council dedicate a portion of Plum Street to be recognized as “Dr. ML King, Jr. Way” in honor of the great civic contributions made by Dr. King in changing laws in furtherance of civil rights for people of color; and

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to recognize the acts of Dr. King and his sacrifice in the civil rights movement in furtherance of racial equality in the United States and further to recognize the Vineland High School students who presented this request to City Council on behalf of their school and community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the City of Vineland that in recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., signs shall be placed on top of the official street signs on Plum Street from West Avenue to Boulevard designating that section as “Dr. M L King, Jr. Way.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council commends QuaSean Dixon, Ashley Dinshah, I’sabel Mayas and Derek Tribbett for taking part in such designation recognizing Dr. King and for their pride in their community.

Adopted:

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk