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NIH 2015 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Proclamation

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., challenged the world to recognize that true liberty depends on our acceptance of equality. The nation is consistently moving closer to fulfilling America's promise of economic and social justice because we stand on the shoulder of civil rights leaders like Dr. King, Rosa Parks, Andrew Young, Daisy Bates, Julian Bond, Claudette Colvin, and John Lewis.

Many strides have been made since the memorable days of Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement. Every day we must recognize that in order to fulfill Dr. King's dream, each person must be free to pursue his or her full measure of success, not being constrained by the color of their skin, their faith, sexual orientation, gender identity, or social status.

As we observe and celebrate Dr. King's birthday, let us continue to acknowledge his legacy and go forward with assurance as a Nation united, committed to eliminating discrimination and embracing diversity and inclusion.

Sincerely yours,

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