

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service January 16, 2012

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice, and opportunity for all, and challenged all Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's teachings can continue to guide and inspire us in addressing challenges in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the King Holiday and Service Act, enacted in 1994, designated the King Holiday as a national day of volunteer service, and charged the Corporation for National and Community Services with leading this effort; and

WHEREAS, since 1994, millions of Americans have been inspired by the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to serve their neighbors and communities on the King Holiday; and

WHEREAS, serving on the King Holiday is an appropriate way to honor Dr. King, meet local and national needs, bring our citizens together, and strengthen our communities and nation; and

WHEREAS, the King Day of Service is the only federal holiday commemorated as a national day of service, and offers an opportunity for Americans to give back to their communities on the holiday and make an ongoing commitment to service throughout the year; and

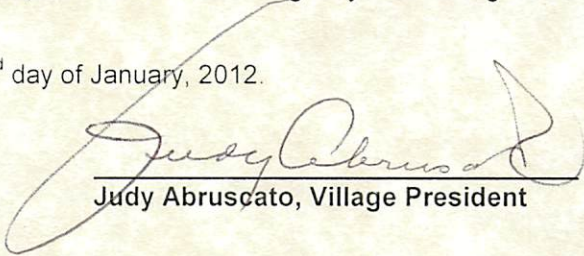
WHEREAS, King Day of Service projects are being organized by a wide range of non-profits, private businesses, and other organizations across the nation; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Wheeling have an opportunity to participate in events throughout Northern Illinois on the King Day of Service, as well as to create and implement community service projects where they identify the need;

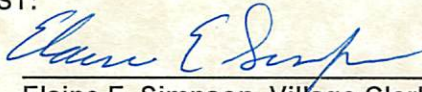
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Judy Abruscato, President of the Village of Wheeling, proclaim the Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday as a Day of Service in Wheeling, and call upon the people of Wheeling to pay tribute to the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through participation in community service projects, on Martin Luther King Day and throughout the year.

DATED at the Village of Wheeling this 3rd day of January, 2012.




Judy Abruscato, Village President

ATTEST:


Elaine E. Simpson, Village Clerk