CITY OF HANFORD

Proclamation

"Martin Luther King Jr. Day"

January 15, 2007

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 15, 1929, and made a lasting impression as a key leader in the American Civil Rights Movement during the 1950's and 1960's; and

WHEREAS, during speeches and rallies in our nation's capital and throughout America, Dr. King promoted his dream of a nation where everyone is treated as equals and is judged "not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's outstanding leadership, his inspiring speeches and his diligent efforts on behalf of our nation's at-risk and minority population have encouraged millions of Americans to share his dream of civil equality and to bring this dream closer to reality; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King promoted nonviolence and compassion and his followers of all races and creeds rallied around him time and again, peacefully assembled in "a beautiful symphony of brotherhood" that represents his vision for universal equality, camaraderie and peace which we continue to strive for today in our homes, our communities and throughout our city and great nation; and

WHEREAS, people throughout the world continue to look to Dr. King's example as a model in human relations, and his efforts in the daily struggle for civil human rights have continued since his assassination in 1968 and will continue until his dream of absolute freedom, equality and justice for all is finally realized; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and life's work are commemorated each year by a public holiday in January that serves as a time for people of every race, creed, and color to reflect on the principles of racial equality and nonviolent social change that he advocated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Hanford, do hereby proclaim January 15, 2007 as "**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**" and urge all residents to participate in this celebration.

Presented this 19th day of December 2006.

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Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Karen Madruga
City Clerk

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