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Governor Chris Christie Honors The Life Of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Trenton, NJ – Governor Chris Christie today issued the following statement in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:

"Today, we honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for dedicating his life to an unyielding faith and passion for justice and racial harmony. Dr. King endured imprisonment and adversity to achieve change that would alter the course of history with his leadership and practice of non-violence. His legacy stands as a fixture in our history, not only of his sacrifice but of the progress he led our nation to. It remains our obligation to remember and protect Dr. King's legacy for every citizen of our state and nation - today and for future generations. I encourage New Jerseyans to honor Dr. King's legacy and to observe this holiday by acts and deeds of service within your communities."

New Jersey, under Governor Tom Kean, was the first state to establish a Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission in 1983 to ensure Dr. King's life and work were continually recognized across New Jersey.

Governor Christie also issued a proclamation marking Monday, January 18, 2016 "Martin Luther King, Jr. Day" throughout New Jersey.

A copy of the Governor's proclamation [\[pdf 385kB\]](#)

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