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Statement From Governor Chris Christie on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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

"Dr. King was the paradigm of strength in triumphing over adversity and racial injustice to achieve what seemed impossible to so many for so long. His legacy stands as an eternal reminder of his sacrifice and the progress he achieved and which we are obliged to protect for every citizen of our state and nation. I join New Jerseyans in honoring Dr. King's life and work and his uncompromising commitment to peacefully working toward freedom and equality for all Americans.

"Today also marks the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, which provides an opportunity for Americans to honor and continue the work of Dr. King by coming together to serve our neighbors and communities. I encourage all New Jerseyans to honor Dr. King's life and legacy with acts of service within our communities."

In 1983, Governor Tom Kean named New Jersey as the first state to establish a Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission to ensure Dr. King's life and work were continually recognized across New Jersey. Governor Christie also proclaimed Monday, January 21, 2013 "Martin Luther King, Jr. Day" throughout New Jersey. A copy of the Governor's proclamation is attached.

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