

## Governor Chris Christie Commemorates 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, as we remember the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I encourage all New Jerseyans to reflect on Dr. King's passion for racial harmony and his commitment to the principles of freedom, justice, and equality for all. Dr. King is a testament to how positive change can be achieved in this country through education and non-violent protest. His life and the sacrifices he made in order to end racial discrimination in the United States will not, and must never, be forgotten. I urge all New Jerseyans to build on Dr. King's example of service and advocacy as you strive to promote peace and equality in your own communities."

New Jersey, under Governor Tom Kean, was the first state to establish a Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission in 1983, which continues to ensure Dr. King's life and work are recognized across the state with a variety of programs throughout the year.

Governor Christie also issued a proclamation marking Monday, January 16, 2017 "Martin Luther King, Jr. Day" throughout New Jersey.

A copy of the Governor's proclamation [[pdf 390kB](#)]

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