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## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2016 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 7

### Bill No. 35-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT to establish a Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission; providing for the membership and staffing of the Commission; setting forth the requirements for meetings; providing for the purpose and responsibilities of the Commission; providing the expiration dates of the terms of the initial members of the Commission; and generally relating to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.

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Introduced and read first time \_\_\_\_\_, 2016. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on \_\_\_\_\_, 2016 and Passed \_\_\_\_, Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_\_.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016 at \_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

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Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1           **WHEREAS**, the federal holiday honoring the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. is  
2 observed each year on the third Monday in the month of January; and

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4           **WHEREAS**, Howard County also honors the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

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6           **WHEREAS**, the holiday observances should serve as a time for Americans to reflect on  
7 the principle of racial equality and non-violent social change advocated by Martin Luther King,  
8 Jr.; and

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10           **WHEREAS**, each year, Americans across the country honor the life and legacy of  
11 Martin Luther King, Jr. by participating in a Day of Service on the Martin Luther King, Jr.  
12 federal holiday; and

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14           **WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to encourage and coordinate appropriate ceremonies and  
15 activities of service throughout Howard County in the observance of the holiday honoring the  
16 birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

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18 **NOW THEREFORE,**

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20 *Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard*  
21 *County Code is amended as follows:*

22           1.     *By adding Section 6.344 “Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission” to*  
23                 *Title 6 “County Executive and the Executive Branch”*

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25           2.     *By adding Subtitle 8 “Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission” to:*  
26                 *Title 6. County Executive and the Executive Branch.*

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28                   **Title 6. County Executive and the Executive Branch.**

29                           **Subtitle 3. Boards and Commissions.**

1 **SECTION 6.344. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY COMMISSION.**

2 THERE IS A MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY COMMISSION. ITS MEMBERSHIP, DUTIES, AND  
3 RESPONSIBILITIES ARE SET FORTH IN SUBTITLE 8, "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY  
4 COMMISSION," OF THIS TITLE.

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6 **Title 6. County Executive and the Executive Branch.**

7 **SUBTITLE 8. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY COMMISSION.**

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9 **SECTION 6.800. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY COMMISSION; GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

10 (A) *GENERAL PROVISIONS.* GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
11 HOLIDAY COMMISSION ARE SET FORTH IN SUBTITLE 3, "BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS," OF THIS  
12 TITLE.

13 (B) *PURPOSE.* THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION IS TO ENCOURAGE AND COORDINATE  
14 APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT HOWARD COUNTY HONORING MARTIN  
15 LUTHER KING, JR.

16 (C) *MEMBERSHIP.* THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF 13 VOTING MEMBERS, AND AT LEAST ONE  
17 NONVOTING STUDENT MEMBER UNDER THE AGE OF 19. THE STUDENT'S TERM SHALL BE FOR ONE  
18 YEAR. COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP SHALL BROADLY REFLECT THE DIVERSITY OF THE RESIDENTS OF  
19 HOWARD COUNTY.

20 (D) *EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.* THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL DESIGNATE A COUNTY EMPLOYEE TO  
21 SERVE AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION AND ATTEND ALL MEETINGS.

22 (E) *MEETINGS.* THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AT LEAST 11 TIMES PER YEAR.

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24 **SECTION 6.801. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.**

25 THE HOWARD COUNTY MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY COMMISSION SHALL ENCOURAGE  
26 AND COORDINATE APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT HOWARD COUNTY  
27 HONORING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
28 AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE COUNTY, STATE, AND  
29 FEDERAL HOLIDAYS HONORING THE BIRTHDAY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

1 **Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that,  
2 to establish the stagger of terms required by § 6.300 of the Howard County Code, of the initial  
3 appointees to the Commission, 2 appointees shall have a term of 1 year, 2 appointees shall have  
4 a term of 2 years, 3 appointees shall have a term of 3 years, 3 appointees shall have a term of 4  
5 years, and 3 appointees shall have a term of 5 years, as provided in the Resolutions that confirm  
6 the appointments.

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8 **Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that  
9 this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.