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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.

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

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.*~~

27 2. *By adding Section 12.203 “Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission;*
28 *General Provisions” to Title 12 “Health and Social Services”.*

29 3. *By adding Section 12.204 “General Powers and Duties of the Martin Luther*
30 *King, Jr. Holiday Commission” to Title 12 “Health and Social Services”.*

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

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

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

6 THERE IS A MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY COMMISSION. ITS MEMBERSHIP, DUTIES, AND
7 RESPONSIBILITIES ARE SET FORTH IN ~~SUBTITLE 8, "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY~~
8 COMMISSION," OF THIS TITLE SUBTITLE 2, "HUMAN RIGHTS," OF TITLE 12, "HEALTH AND SOCIAL
9 SERVICES," OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE.

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

12 ~~**SUBTITLE 8. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY COMMISSION.**~~

13 **Title 12. Health and Social Services**

14 **Subtitle 2. Human Rights.**

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16 **SECTION ~~6.800~~ 12.203. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY COMMISSION; GENERAL**
17 **PROVISIONS.**

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

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

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

28 (D) *EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.* ~~THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL DESIGNATE A COUNTY EMPLOYEE TO~~
29 ADMINISTRATOR OR THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESIGNEE SHALL SERVE AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
30 TO THE COMMISSION AND ATTEND ALL MEETINGS.

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

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3 **SECTION ~~6.801~~ 12.204. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**
4 **HOLIDAY COMMISSION.**

5 THE HOWARD COUNTY MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY COMMISSION SHALL ENCOURAGE
6 AND COORDINATE APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT HOWARD COUNTY
7 HONORING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
8 AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE COUNTY, STATE, AND
9 FEDERAL HOLIDAYS HONORING THE BIRTHDAY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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

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