



**Proclamation No. P23-003
Recognizing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
January 10, 2023**

WHEREAS, in 1983, to recognize Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s contributions to the advancement of all people, the United States Congress initiated and the President of the United States signed into law, making the third Monday of January as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. It is the only federal holiday that is also designated by Congress as a national day of service; and

WHEREAS, the first Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday was first recognized on Jan. 20, 1986 by the year 2000, all 50 states had made it a state government holiday; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, alumni from Brooksville's Moton High School, a black high school, were present for Dr. King's renowned "I Have a Dream" speech delivered on the National Mall in Washington D.C.; and members of the Moton High School administration and faculty helped charter the Brooksville Branch of the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, Hernando County public schools were desegregated in 1965, due in part, to the civil rights movement led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; and

WHEREAS, books about Dr. King and his contributions to the modern civil rights movement are available in Hernando County public school libraries; and

WHEREAS, through Pasco-Hernando State College Pre-Collegiate programs, students participate in cultural events that require reading about the civil rights movement; and have opportunities to tour many civil rights historical sites throughout the south; and

WHEREAS, each year, Hernando school staff and students join the community to organize and participate in the annual MLK Day Parade held in Brooksville; and

WHEREAS, with inspiration from Dr. King's vision, let us look forward to the future with hope. Let us keep his dream alive and unite as one community; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hernando County School Board is proud to proclaim Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a day to pay tribute to the life and works of Dr. King and commit to strengthening our community through service.

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**Gus Guadagnino
Board Chair**

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**John Stratton
Superintendent**