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3 **A RESOLUTION INITIATING A PROCESS TO REQUEST**
4 **CREATION OF A PUBLIC DISPLAY**
5 **COMMEMORATING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR'S**
6 **WORDS AND VISIT TO FORT WAYNE IN 1963**
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9 WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne ("Common Council")
10 desires the fruition of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Dream of racial equality and harmony; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. King remains a renowned and inspirational historical figure; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. King spoke in Fort Wayne at the Scottish Rite June 5, 1963; and

13 WHEREAS, over time, the words of Dr. King's Fort Wayne speech have become more
14 difficult to identify, although the message remains consistent and it is our responsibility to
15 preserve that message so that it might be passed down to future generations; and

16 WHEREAS, those words should be easily accessible to inspire the Fort Wayne Public as
17 the event is a longstanding source of community pride; and

18 WHEREAS, it is customary for cities to create public displays to commemorate
19 significant local events.

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF**
21 **THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA:**

22 **SECTION 1.** That the Common Council's appointees to the Fort Wayne Art
23 Commission shall approach the Fort Wayne Art Commission Board and its Administrator and
24 request that a suitable Public display be created that commemorates Dr. King, his visit to Fort
25 Wayne, and his words and message communicated at the event.

26 **SECTION 2.** That if the Fort Wayne Art Commission deems exploration of such a
27 display desirable, that the Common Council's appointees advocate that input and collaboration
28 be sought by relevant groups, including but not limited to, Community Development, the History
29 Center, the African/African American Historical Society Museum, the MLK Club of Fort
30 Wayne, and the local Faith Community.

31 **SECTION 3.** That a suitable Public display could, but certainly is not restricted to, be
32 created in one of the following manners: a Citizen Square display, an exterior wall mural in the
33 community, or a public display at the event's site.

1 **SECTION 4.** That the Common Council appointees to the Fort Wayne Art Commission
2 shall update the Common Council in person of the initial feedback and ideas of the Fort Wayne
3 Art Commission by the end of February 2020.

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Michelle Chambers, Council Member
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Russell Jehl, Council Member
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14 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
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17 Joseph G. Bonahoom, Attorney for City Council