

**A RESOLUTION INITIATING A PROCESS TO REQUEST
CREATION OF A PUBLIC DISPLAY
COMMEMORATING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR'S
WORDS AND VISIT TO FORT WAYNE IN 1963**

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne ("Common Council") desires the fruition of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Dream of racial equality and harmony; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 3. That a suitable Public display could, but certainly is not restricted to, be created in one of the following manners: a Citizen Square display, an exterior wall mural in the community, or a public display at the event's site. The Common Council shall consider funding to help support the display.

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 March 3, 2020.

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14 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
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