



A PROCLAMATION

On Behalf Of The People Of
THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE

By His Honor The Mayor

Bill Haslam

To Publicly Recognize

National Day of Recruitment

In Honor Of

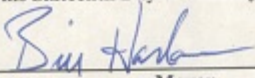
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- WHEREAS:** Justice Sunday 2005 serves as a precursor to the King Day of Service by launching a year-long effort to honor the life and legacy of the late Dr. Martin Luther King by encouraging the country to engage in volunteerism and service around issues of reducing crime and equitable justice; and
- WHEREAS:** In recognition of that spirit, Congress in 1994 passed the King Holiday and Service Act, which directed the Corporation for National and Community Service to support local efforts to make the King Holiday a day of service; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Knoxville serves as a designated Justice Sunday National Day of Recruitment site in partnership with chapters and centers of Big Brothers Big Sisters and U.S. Dream Academy, respectively, to emphasize the need for and mobilize mentors for children whose parents are incarcerated; and
- WHEREAS:** The Amachi Mentoring Program and others nationwide encourage the mobilization of men and women of faith in mentoring children of prisoners; and
- WHEREAS:** The National Religious Affairs Association of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice, offers this national commemoration by Grant of Rights authorized by the Martin Luther King Center for Nonviolent Social Change as an opportunity to acknowledge the lifetime of selfless service by Dr. King as a clergy and martyr for justice; and
- WHEREAS:** There are an estimated two million children nationwide with one or both parents in jail or prison and statistics suggest that a youth with a mentor is 70% less likely to use drugs, 85% less likely to go before juvenile courts, and 27% less likely to engage in abusive drinking.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Mayor of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee,
do hereby proclaim January 16, 2005 to be:

Justice Sunday:
A Local Day of Recruitment
in our city and urge all citizens to join in this observance.

Given under my hand and affixed with the
Seal of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee,
This Sixteenth Day of January, 2005



Mayor

