



Proclamation

Montgomery County Maryland

WHEREAS, Justice Sunday 2005 honors the life and legacy of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by encouraging the country to engage in volunteerism and service around issues of reducing crime and equitable justice; and

WHEREAS, Justice Sunday National Day of Recruitment emphasizes the need to 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 the estimated two million children nationwide with one or both parents in jail or prison; and

WHEREAS, statistics suggest that a youth with a mentor is 70 percent less likely to use drugs, 85 percent less likely to go before juvenile courts, and 27 percent less likely to engage in abusive drinking; and

WHEREAS, the National Religious Affairs Association (NRAA) of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCJ) 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I, Douglas M. Duncan as County Executive, hereby proclaim, Sunday, January 16, 2005, as

JUSTICE SUNDAY A LOCAL DAY OF RECRUITMENT

in Montgomery County. I encourage our residents to consider this day and the year beyond as one of commitment to volunteerism and service around this pressing social issue.



Signed this 16th day of January in the year 2005.


County Executive