

*Metropolitan Government of Nashville
and Davidson County*



Office of the Mayor

- Whereas,* Justice Sunday 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 crimes 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,* Justice Sunday National Day of Recruitment site is partnered with such organizations as Big Brothers Big Sisters to emphasize the need to mobilize mentors for children whose parents are incarcerated; and
- Whereas,* A youth with a mentor is less likely to use drugs, go before juvenile courts and abuse drinking. There are an estimated two million children nationwide with one or both parents in jail or prison; and
- Whereas,* This local day of recruitment urges all citizens to consider committing to volunteerism and service around this pressing issue in the community.

Now therefore, I, Bill Purcell, Mayor of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, do hereby urge all citizens recognize Justice Sunday National Day of Recruitment.



*I have hereunto set my hand on
this the 16th day of January, 2005.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Purcell".

Bill Purcell
Mayor