

Proclamation

Issued by the Mayor

Justice Sunday National Day of Recruitment January 16, 2005

WHEREAS, Justice Sunday 2005 serves as a precursor to the King Day of Service, launching a year-long effort to honor the life and legacy of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and encouraging the country to engage in volunteerism and service; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of that spirit, Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act in 1994, 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 Sacramento 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, to emphasize the need for mentors for children of incarcerated parents; and

WHEREAS, the Amachi Mentoring Program and others nationwide encourage the mobilization of men and women of faith in mentoring children of prisoners; and

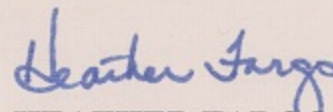
WHEREAS, the National Religious Affairs Association (NRAA) of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCJ) offers its national commemoration by Grant of Rights authorized by the Martin Luther King Center for Nonviolent Social Change as an opportunity to acknowledge the lifetime of selfless service demonstrated by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as a clergyman and martyr for justice; and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated two million children nationwide with one or both parents in jail or prison; and

WHEREAS, statistics suggest that a child 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, Heather Fargo, Mayor of the City of Sacramento, do hereby proclaim January 16, 2005 as **Justice Sunday: A Local Day of Recruitment** in the City of Sacramento and do hereby urge all citizens to consider this day and the year beyond as one of commitment to volunteerism and service in our community.

ISSUED: This 16th Day of January 2005.


HEATHER FARGO
MAYOR