

Observing the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (January 24, 1997)

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King Day is set aside each year as a national holiday to celebrate the life and lessons of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and,

WHEREAS, communities throughout the State of Indiana converge on the Martin Luther King holiday at events which celebrate their diversity and at the same time promote their collective spirit; and,

WHEREAS, Indiana University has, for years, considered what action is the most appropriate way to recognize the life, accomplishments and inspiration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and consistent with large segments of our community to set aside Martin Luther King Day as a holiday.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT:

1. Martin Luther King Day, beginning in January, 1998, shall be observed as a holiday on all Indiana University campuses; and
2. All appropriate efforts shall be made by the university to provide events which highlight the life and philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on and surrounding the holiday; and
3. Efforts shall be made to adjust the university calendar so as to accommodate the observance of this holiday.

President Brand clarified that classes will not take place on that day.

Trustee McKinney stated that this resolution is very appropriate. He said that one campus already observes the holiday, and he said that it was appropriate to have a policy that pertains to the entire University, not just individual campuses.

Unanimously approved on motion duly made and seconded.