

Press Releases

01-13-11 The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Remembered by OC Exec Diana

As we recognize the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, January 17, Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana encourages all County residents to pause to reflect on the memory and legacy of Reverend King.

"Generations of Americans have been informed and inspired by Dr. King's 'I Have a Dream' speech," said Mr. Diana. "He dreamed of a better life for all Americans and gave us hope for the future. Even today, we work to uphold Dr. King's ideals," continued Mr. Diana. "We strive for a nation that offers no place for prejudice or discrimination of any kind."

"I hope that all Orange County residents will remember Dr. King's vision and join me in continuing our work to create a community where all people, regardless of race, color, or creed, can join together in harmony for the good of our County, State, and Nation."

To support those efforts in Orange County, the Human Rights Commission was established in 1970 to protect the rights of all people in our community. The Commission maintains a mission to foster mutual respect and understanding among all racial, religious, and nationality groups in the County, inquires into incidents of tension and conflict among, or between, these groups, and works to relieve this tension, and provides educational programs that will increase good will among the diverse inhabitants of our County.

"I urge any County resident who is dealing with issues of prejudice or discrimination to contact the Orange County Human Rights Commission," said Mr. Diana. "Don't go it alone, the understanding and support of others during such a difficult time can be critical."

To learn more about the Orange County Human Rights Commission, visit the County website at www.orangecountygov.com, click on Departments, then Human Rights Commission or call 615-3680.

As in year's past, County Executive Diana will participate in Martin Luther King Day recognition events across Orange County and reminds all residents to remember the work and memory of the Revered Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.