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January 17, 2010

On the occasion of the Interfaith Service in observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in Croton-on-Hudson, New York, at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church as organized by the Croton Clergy Association.

Whereas, Reverend Martin Luther King, Junior, were seated among us in the pews today, would still be a young man of a mere 81 years of age this weekend; and

Whereas, the dream of Reverend King for a nation of love and respect that, together, beget an equality of opportunity for the human spirit that wells up in every person is a dream that is both much older and much younger than those years; and

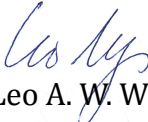
Whereas, the dream of equality for all must live on in each of us for we still face promises as yet unfulfilled; and

Whereas, this day brings together members of all our faith communities as we unite around this dream;

I, Leo A. W. Wiegman, now therefore humbly proclaim, with the power vested in me by the State of New York as your Mayor of our Village of Croton-on-Hudson, that this day, Sunday, the 17th of January, 2010, shall be "**Reverend Martin Luther King, Junior, Equality Day**" throughout our Village; and

I now further humbly proclaim, that the community of the Village itself is much larger and more inclusive than mere dotted lines on a municipal map; and

That, more than a mere place, the Village is a state of mind that embraces equality of opportunity for all with open arms and hearts—in true keeping with the spirit of Reverend King's teachings.


Leo A. W. Wiegman, Mayor