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NIH 2016 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Proclamation

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) joins the nation in celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 18, 2016. On this National Day of Service, Americans across the country recommit themselves to citizen action by volunteering in service to one another. The national theme, "A Day On, Not A Day Off," encourages everyone to honor Dr. King and his incredible legacy of service to all.

The holiday shines a light on service as a powerful force to bridge economic and social divides. I encourage every member of the NIH community to join the nation in helping make health, peace, and prosperity a reality for all. As we commemorate and honor Dr. King's legacy, I invite you to visit the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion's Twitter page for "MLK Day of Service" activities. You can access the page at [http://Twitter.com/nih\\_edl](http://Twitter.com/nih_edl).

For more information, please contact Victoria A. Gross, Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, at 301-451-0746 or [Victoria.Gross@nih.gov](mailto:Victoria.Gross@nih.gov).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis S. Collins".

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