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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03**  
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5 **A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE**  
6 **COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF**  
7 **BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING**  
8 **JANUARY 16, 2017 MARTIN LUTHER KING**  
9 **DAY, A DAY FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE**  
10 **AND FUNDING FOR VILLAGE PEACE POLE**  
11 **IN THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK;**  
12 **PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**  
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14 WHEREAS Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, social  
15 justice and opportunity for all, and challenged all Americans to participate in the never-ending  
16 work of building a more perfect union; and  
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18 WHEREAS President Ronald Reagan signed a bill in 1983 creating a federal holiday  
19 observed in January every year to honor Dr. King's birthday, life and work; President Bill  
20 Clinton established the King Holiday and Service Act in 1994, promoting a day of citizen  
21 action and volunteer service bringing attention to Dr. King's teachings; and, since enactment  
22 millions of Americans have been inspired to serve their communities celebrating the King  
23 Holiday; and  
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25 WHEREAS it is appropriate to raise awareness, strengthen our commitment to each  
26 other in service of community, while celebrating Dr. King's leadership and gift of  
27 communicating a message of peace, unity and love; and  
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29 WHEREAS the King Holiday offers an opportunity for everyone to contribute to our  
30 communities, and to make ongoing commitments of service beyond the King Holiday weekend  
31 and throughout the year; and  
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33 WHEREAS Village residents have cooperatively engaged in King Holiday  
34 improvements to the community in past years, and the Village encourages its residents to apply  
35 that success to helping neighbors this King Holiday weekend with home safety and  
36 beautification projects in the spirit of Dr. King's words, "If I cannot do great things, I can do  
37 small things in a great way."  
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39 WHEREAS in 2017 a lasting symbol is proposed for the King Holiday by way of  
40 commissioning and installing a sculptured community collaborative messaging pole of peace –  
41 a Village Peace Pole – and landscaping in the vicinity of Village Hall, the Log Cabin and  
42 Village Commons; and,  
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44 WHEREAS the concept of a Village Peace Pole borrows from the traditional Peace  
45 Pole Project to promote multicultural understanding and world peace, and adds the idea of  
46 Village resident artist and woodcarver Charles Easton, in collaborations with other Village  
47 artists, to encourage community participation in creating and displaying Village residents'  
48 artistic expressions of PEACE; and,  
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50 WHEREAS Rox Ross, a Commissioner of the Village of Biscayne Park, who shares a  
51 birthday with Dr. King encourages a King Day celebration in the Village by hands-on *small*  
52 *great things* helping neighbors, and challenges community fundraising seeded by a \$250  
53 donation for a Village Peace Pole and landscaping.

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2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE  
3 VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, that all residents and friends of the Village of  
4 Biscayne Park have an opportunity to participate, by hands-on assistance to neighbors in need,  
5 and by monetary contribution toward the Village Peace Pole.  
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7 With a goal of \$2,500 for the project, Commissioner Rox Ross encourages donations and to  
8 maximize the impact of YOUR generous gift in support of these initiatives, Rox pledges a  
9 challenge grant, matching \$1 (up to \$250) to every \$10 donation collected.

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11 **Section 1.** The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as  
12 being true and correct and hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.  
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14 **Section 2.** This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.  
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17 PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

**The foregoing resolution upon being  
put to a vote, the vote was as follows:**

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22 Tracy Truppman, Mayor  
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Mayor Truppman: Yes  
Vice Mayor Coviello: Yes  
Commissioner Johnson-Sardella: Yes  
Commissioner Ross: Yes  
Commissioner Tudor: Yes

24 Attest:  
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27 Maria C. Camara, Village Clerk  
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30 Approved as to form:  
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34 John J. Hearn, Village Attorney  
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