RESOLUTION NO. 2015-55

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK PROCLAIMING JANUARY 10, 2016, MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY, A DAY FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE IN THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK AND COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION EVENT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice and opportunity for all, and challenged all Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union; and

WHEREAS President Ronald Reagan signed a bill in 1983 creating a federal holiday observed in January every year to honor Dr. King's birthday, life and work; President Bill Clinton established the King Holiday and Service Act in 1994, promoting a day of citizen action and volunteer service bringing attention to Dr. King's teachings; and, since enactment millions of Americans have been inspired to serve their communities celebrating the King Holiday; and

WHEREAS it is appropriate to raise awareness, strengthen our commitment to each other in service of community, while celebrating Dr. King's leadership and gift of communicating a message of unity and love; and

WHEREAS the King Holiday offers an opportunity for everyone to contribute to our communities, and to make an ongoing commitment of service beyond the King Holiday weekend and throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the Village appreciates the generous funding received from the State of Florida and The Villagers, Inc., as well as the preservation discipline of RJ Heisenbottle Architects, and the craftsmanship of McKenzie Construction in carefully restoring of the Village's historic Log Cabin located at 640 NE 114 Street; and

WHEREAS, the restored Log Cabin, and Village Commons in general, will be complimented by the planting of native fauna and foliage, and these enhancements will be more cherished by accomplishing them through the volunteer efforts of neighbors in the community; and

WHEREAS the Village neighbors have cooperatively engaged King Holiday improvements to the community in the past, and now wish to apply that success to the restored Log Cabin and Village Commons that are in need of attention and beautification; and,

WHEREAS Rox Ross, a Commissioner of the Village of Biscayne Park, shares a birthday with Dr. King and encourages a King Day celebration with a community project to achieve needed landscaping, including a donation challenge of up to $250 in matching contribution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified as true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. That all residents and friends of the Village of Biscayne Park have an opportunity to participate, by monetary contribution and by hands-on assistance, at an event to celebrate the King Day of Service, designed to enhance the community, share a morning with neighbors, discuss community needs and solutions to enhance the environment in our common areas.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of December, 2015.

David Coviello, Mayor

Attest:

Maria C. Camara, Village Clerk

Approved as to form:

John J. Hearn, Village Attorney

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

Mayor Coviello: Yes
Vice Mayor Watts: Yes
Commissioner Anderson: Yes
Commissioner Jonas: Yes
Commissioner Ross: Yes