



# United We Serve

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Whereas, UNITED WE SERVE serves as the President's Call to Service in engaging all Americans in service to their communities; and

Whereas, the National Alliance of Faith and Justice (NAFJ) is a member of the MLK Service Network of the Corporation for National and Community Service; and

Whereas, in recognition of that spirit, Congress, in 1994, *passed* the King Holiday and Service Act, which directed the Corporation to support local efforts to make the King Holiday a day of service; and

Whereas, 2014 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil Rights Act; and

Whereas, the 10<sup>th</sup> annual national commemoration of Justice Sunday<sup>TM</sup>, observed January 19, 2014, offers cities and communities nationwide a key benchmark in efforts to dismantle inequities, advocate solutions and alternatives to violence, and recognize the selfless service of Dr. King as a clergy and the role of volunteers of diverse faiths in efforts to achieve human dignity and equality and as key stakeholders of social change; and

Whereas, the theme of Justice Sunday<sup>TM</sup>, "*A Charge To Keep We Have: One For All*" recognizes service and change as an ongoing and evolving commitment; and

Whereas, January is National Mentoring Month, and the National Alliance of Faith and Justice through PEN OR PENCIL<sup>TM</sup> and its affiliates, has partnered with the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, and other national organizations in the reinvestment of justice and recognition of civil rights through the expansion of mentoring efforts throughout the continuum; and

Whereas, NAFJ works in cooperation with the National Park Service to promote civic engagement through service learning, cultural diversity, and historic preservation; and

Whereas, Justice Sunday<sup>TM</sup> 2014 will serve as a national day of recruitment for faith and community-based, peer, and corporate mentors to help facilitate a pathway to freedom for younger Americans most at risk of violence, delinquency, and school disengagement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I (Name of Mayor or Commissioner), Mayor of (Name of Town/City/County), do hereby join with NAFJ and its local affiliate in urging all citizens to honor Dr. King change through a broader commitment to volunteerism and service around pressing social issues.