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The Honorable James Fouts
Mayor of Warren, Michigan
One City Square
Warren, MI, 48093

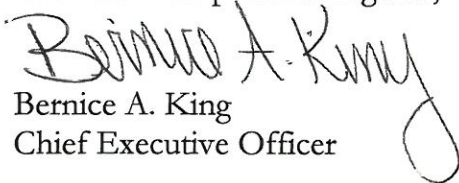
Dear Mayor Fouts:

I am pleased to offer words of praise for you and the work that you have championed in Warren, Michigan, in your capacity as chief executive of that city. Personally, I know that it takes a leader with unwavering courage to embrace noble initiatives that are controversial in the minds of those who do not share your same convictions. I am sure that your decision to observe Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, for the first time in Warren, was met with considerable angst. However, you remained undeterred in your commitment in celebrating my father's legacy as a tribute to him and the role he played in fighting, and, ultimately, sacrificing his life for the causes of freedom, justice and equality.

Our theme for this year's King Holiday Observance is "Remember! Celebrate! Act! King's Legacy of Courage for our World." I have no doubt that you will continue to lead your municipality with this motto as one of your guiding principles. Your leadership certainly sets an example that politicians and other persons of influence should seek to emulate in the discharge of their duties.

Again, thank you for all of that you have done in Warren to honor my father.

With warmest personal regards,


Bernice A. King
Chief Executive Officer