RESOLUTION NO. 1988-18

MEMORIALIZING THE OCCASION OF THE OBSERVANCE OF THE NATIONAL HOLIDAY HONORING THE LATE REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ON HIS BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, the late Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. was the gentle defender of nonviolence who became the first leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King led nonviolent protests all over the nation for the Civil Rights causes, disregarding his own safety; and

WHEREAS, the late Dr. King never wavered from his basic belief that love was the people's most powerful weapon; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's unfeigned courage was recognized internationally and he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964; and

WHEREAS, the late Dr. King became a victim of the very violence he abhorred and he was slain by an assassin's bullet while seeking to improve working conditions of striking garbagemen in Memphis, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Federal and State Governments have honored the memory of Dr. King in perpetuity by establishing the third Monday in January, on or following his birthday on January 15, as a National Holiday, the observance this year taking place on January 18, 1988.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cuyahoga County, Ohio:

Section 1. That the Board and staff of the Regional Transit Authority hereby memorialize this occasion of the National Holiday honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by observing that day as a paid holiday in the Authority's Conditions of Employment.

Section 2. That the Board and staff express their devotion to the high ideals so eloquently taught and demonstrated by the late Dr. King, pledging to honor Dr. King by striving to put his dreams and goals into practice.

Section 3. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: January 19, 1988

President

Attest: