1	RESOLUTION NO		
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3	A RESOLUTION TO ASK THE LITTLE ROCK DELEGATION TO THE		
4	91ST ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO SPONSOR LEGISLATION		
5	TO REPEAL THE REFERENCE TO A JANUARY HOLIDAY IN HONOR		
6	OF THE BIRTHDAY OF ROBERT E. LEE SO IT WILL BE EXCLU-		
7	SIVELY IN HONOR OF THE BIRTHDAY OF THE REVEREND DR. MAR-		
8	TIN LUTHER KING, JR.; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.		
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10	<b>WHEREAS</b> , pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 1-5-101 (a) (2) states that the third Monday in January shall		
11	be celebrated as the birthday of Robert E. Lee, a General in charge of the Army of Northern Virginia during		
12	the American Civil War, and as the birthday of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a central force in		
13	the American Civil Rights Movement; and,		
14	<b>WHEREAS</b> , pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-107 (a) states that January 19 <sup>th</sup> shall be celebrated		
15	as a patriotic holiday in honor of the birthday of Robert E. Lee; and,		
16	WHEREAS, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 14-43-601 (a) (1) (G), the setting of State Holidays is a		
17	matter of state concern that cannot be changed or modified by a local ordinance; and,		
18	WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, thinks that it is more appropriate to honor the work of		
19	Dr. King, and that it is preferable to no longer honor with a holiday the events or persons involved in the		
20	Civil War, especially since one outcome of that War was to recognize this Country as one United States,		
21	no longer to be referred to separately as "these United States,"; and,		
22	WHEREAS, because the basis for a State Holiday is something that can only be changed by an Act of		
23	the General Assembly;		
24	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY		
25	OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:		
26	Section 1. The Mayor and Members of the Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas,		
27	respectfully request that the Little Rock delegation to the 91st Arkansas General Assembly introduce and		
28	pursue to adoption legislation that refers only to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for a holiday in		
29	January to commemorate his birthday, and to remove any reference to General Robert E. Lee.		
30	Section 2. The Mayor and City Clerk as directed to send copies of this resolution to the members of		
31	the Little Rock delegation to the 91st General Assembly.		
32	Section 4. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or		
33	word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adju-		
34	dication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and effect		

1	as if the portion so declared of adjudged invalid	of unconstitutional were not originally a part of the reso-	
2	lution.  Section 5. <i>Repealer</i> . All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.  ADOPTED: December 6, 2016		
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6	ATTEST:	APPROVED:	
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9 10	Susan Langley, City Clerk APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:	Mark Stodola, Mayor	
11	ATTROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM.		
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