LINCOLN, NE -- Congressman Jeff Fortenberry today released the following statement in observation of the national Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday:

“Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s work is a testament to the power of the individual, in concert with community, to truly work for justice and uplift the most vulnerable. Each year this day awakens in our hearts and conscience the efforts we can make to quell the pernicious tides of despair and injustice throughout the world. Reverend King’s life, though abruptly ended in a brutal and tragic act, awoke in our nation's conscience the need for healing from racism, oppression and degradation. Today, we honor his efforts, and renew our commitment to respecting the life and dignity of all persons.”

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