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National Day of Service at Humane Society

El Centro, CA – January 17, 2019 – Making it a “Day On not A Day off” is what the City of El Centro has decided to do this Monday, January 21, 2019. In partnership with the Humane Society of Imperial County the City has organized a day of service in commemoration of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday. The King Holiday takes place each year on the third Monday in January, the MLK Day of Service is the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service – a “day on, not a day off.” This day is a day to encourage unity and engagement of Americans from all walks of life to work together by donating their time to a special cause or completing a community project.

The Humane Society of Imperial County is a non-profit organization that has operated in Imperial County for many years and is a valuable asset to our community. The Humane Society of Imperial County has a long-standing partnership with the City of El Centro and other cities in the Imperial Valley. They provide animal control and sheltering services for cities in the Imperial Valley along with other valuable services, such as animal adoption and spay/neuter services. The City of El Centro is very pleased to be collaborating with them on this day of service. As stated by Council Member Cheryl Viegas-Walker, “Our own pets enrich our lives every day. On Monday, volunteers can enrich the lives of shelter pets who are in need of a loving home.”

Members of the community are encouraged to volunteer and donate their time by attending the Day of Service on Monday, January 21st from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Humane Society of Imperial County located at 1575 W. Pico Avenue in the city of El Centro. Some of the volunteer work that may be completed at the site may be cleaning, caring for the homeless animals so they may get some exercise, fresh air, and sunshine, and other tasks.

Those interested in volunteering can donate as much time as they desire. They can volunteer for an hour or as many hours as they like. Volunteers under the age of 13 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Volunteers must wear appropriate clothing, which consists of jeans, pants, t-shirts or long sleeved shirts, and close-toed shoes. Clothing must be something that the volunteer will not mind getting dirty. Join us in making Monday, January 21st a “day on, not a day off.”

For more information about the event, please contact the City of El Centro City Manager’s office at (760) 337-4540.

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