



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 23-002

RECOGNIZING JANUARY 16, 2023, AS DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., an activist for equality, changed our nation forever through his leadership, service, and clarity of vision; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King devoted his life to strengthening the content of the American character and called on our nation to live up to its founding principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all people regardless of the color of their skin; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King believed that liberty, justice, equality, and freedom were the “inalienable rights” to which all people are entitled; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King’s actions serve as a light of hope and evidence of the need to fight against racism and oppression to lift all people, regardless of race, religion, class, or nationality; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 1983, Martin Luther King Day became recognized in law as a national holiday and set as the third Monday of January Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. The day was first recognized as a national holiday by the federal government in January of 1986. However, it wasn’t until the year 2000 that all 50 states adopted the holiday; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County wishes to honor the legacy of this great civil rights leader, remember the ideals for which he fought, and commit ourselves to take action to ensure that our country’s promise extends to all people throughout our nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *Snohomish County Council does hereby recognize January 16, 2023, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service in Snohomish County and encourages all Snohomish County employees to recognize Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service by celebrating Dr. King’s life and service through performing service work in our community and living out his vision and teachings for the advancement of human rights.*

APPROVED *this 11th day of January 2023.*

Jared Mead
Council Chair

Nate Nehring
Council Vice-Chair

Sam Low
Councilmember

Megan Dunn
Councilmember

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Councilmember

ATTEST:

Debbie Eco, CMC
Clerk of the Council