



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
*Snohomish County, Washington*

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-003**

**RECOGNIZING JANUARY 19, 2026, 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. It was set as the third Monday of January as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service; and

**WHEREAS**, in the year 2000, all 50 states adopted the holiday; and

**WHEREAS**, there are a number of events across Snohomish County to honor Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service including a Sunday Service (1/18) and a March and Rally (1/19), both in Everett, hosted by the Snohomish County Black Heritage Committee, and Community Clean Up events across the county hosted by the YMCA of Snohomish County; and

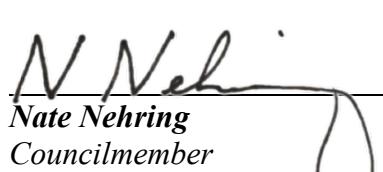
**WHEREAS**, Snohomish County wishes to honor the legacy of this great civil rights leader, remember the ideals for which he fought, and commit to taking action by ensuring our country’s promise extends to all people throughout our nation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Snohomish County Council does hereby recognize January 19, 2026, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service in Snohomish County. The Council encourages all Snohomish County employees and residents to recognize Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service by celebrating his life and performing service work in our community while living out his vision and teachings for the advancement of human rights.

**APPROVED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

  
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**Megan Dunn**  
Council Chair

  
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Council Vice-Chair

  
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Councilmember

  
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ATTEST:   
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**Elena Lao, CMC**  
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