



SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Snohomish County, Washington

PROCLAMATION

**HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S LIFE AND SERVICE
AND RECOGNIZING JANUARY 16th, 2023 AS DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
DAY OF SERVICE IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. worked as a Baptist minister and civil rights, anti-racist, and anti-poverty activist and began making significant impacts on our country in the mid-1950s. Dr. King is remembered for his famous 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech and passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. He received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 and helped create the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Dr. King was assassinated in April 1968; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King is a national hero, and he was determined to fight peacefully for civil rights in the face of oppression, ignorance, and violence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King dedicated 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 its people; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King changed our Nation forever through his leadership, service, and vision for a more inclusive America where all people enjoy the benefits of equality; and

WHEREAS, in 1979 a public campaign in support of officially recognizing Dr. King's birthday as a national holiday was launched; and

WHEREAS, this community-led effort resulted in six million signatures for a petition to congress and the effort was recognized in the Nation at the time as "the largest petition in favor of an issue in U.S. history"; and

WHEREAS, in 1984 Congress designated Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a national holiday and in 1994 Congress designated the third Monday in January as a national day of service; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County remembers and honors the lasting legacy of Dr. King, who said that "We will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive, do hereby proclaim January 16, 2023 as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service in Snohomish County.

I encourage all residents and visitors to join the Snohomish County Executive's Office, the Snohomish County Black Heritage Committee and its many partners in celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and service by participating in service work in our community on this "day on" and living out his vision and teachings for the advancement of human rights.

SIGNED this 6th day of January 2023.

Dave Somers
Snohomish County Executive