

SENATE RESOLUTION  
8602

By Senators Franklin, Tom, Kohl-Welles, Regala, Prentice, Clements, Kauffman, McAuliffe, Weinstein, Kilmer, Rasmussen, Hewitt, Jacobsen, Parlette, Shin, Fairley, Keiser, Rockefeller, Pridemore, Haugen, Kline, Hargrove, Hobbs, McCaslin, Kastama, Morton, Berkey, Sheldon, Fraser, Spanel, Oemig, Eide, Benton, Carrell, Hatfield, Marr and Roach

WHEREAS, Through his leadership and his faith, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. inspired others to engage in civic and social activism during the civil rights movement of the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King once said, "Everyone can be great because anybody can serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love"; and

WHEREAS, His philosophy of nonviolence and equal access to rights promoted the principles of justice and opportunities for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Ultimately paying the highest price to make democracy a reality, Dr. King was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1968; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day became a federal holiday; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act, designating the King Holiday as a national day of volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, In life, Dr. King called on others to make a personal commitment to serve humanity by helping the less fortunate, uniting as a global family, and acting with kindness and open hearts; and

WHEREAS, In the spirit of other great civil rights leaders such as Mrs. Coretta Scott King and Rosa Parks, this holiday is a reminder that communities benefit through compassion and citizen involvement; and

WHEREAS, Each year, people of all backgrounds celebrate Dr. King's legacy by turning community concerns into citizen action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor the life and contributions of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and our responsibility to serve humankind; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Washington State Commission on African-American Affairs.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8602,  
adopted by the Senate  
January 12, 2007

THOMAS HOEMANN  
Secretary of the Senate