

SENATE RESOLUTION

8604

By Senators Fain, Nelson, Hunt, Darneille, Keiser, Billig, Liiias, McCoy, Rolfes, Cleveland, Wellman, Chase, Ranker, Conway, Palumbo, Saldaña, Carlyle, Pedersen, Hasegawa, Hobbs, and Takko

1 WHEREAS, Today, the third Monday in January, we remember and
2 honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who would
3 become a beacon of hope for equality in our nation; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. King used his gift of oratory to awaken America to
5 the realities of life for African Americans and to make life better
6 for all by encouraging change through nonviolent means; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. King's steadfast faith encouraged others, as
8 exemplified in his famous "I Have a Dream" speech delivered 54 years
9 ago this coming August 28th, in which he said, "Now is the time to
10 make justice a reality for all of God's children"; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. King's unwavering support for the principles of
12 racial justice and social equality helped change America; and

13 WHEREAS, In his life, Dr. King called on others to make a
14 personal commitment to serve humanity by helping the less fortunate,
15 uniting as a global family, and acting with kindness and compassion;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Service is a powerful way to commemorate the words and
18 deeds of Dr. King and to translate our reverence for his life and
19 teachings into action to make our nation better; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. King believed that a person's worth should not be
21 measured by his or her color, culture, or class, but rather by his or
22 her commitment to making life better for all through service rendered
23 to each other;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate, on behalf
2 of the people of the State of Washington, and in recognition of
3 the courageous leadership and legacy of hope demonstrated by Dr.
4 Martin Luther King Jr., honor his memory by urging all citizens
5 of our state to continue the legacy of Dr. King by treating all
6 people as equal.

7 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
8 do hereby certify that this is a true and
9 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8604,
10 adopted by the Senate
11 January 16, 2017

12 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
13 Secretary of the Senate