

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2021-4601, by Representatives Jenkins, Wilcox, Abbarno, Barkis, Bateman, Berg, Bergquist, Berry, Boehnke, Bronoske, Caldier, Callan, Chambers, Chandler, Chapman, Chase, Chopp, Cody, Corry, Davis, Dent, Dolan, Duerr, Dufault, Dye, Entenman, Eslick, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Gilday, Goehner, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hackney, Hansen, Harris, Harris-Talley, Hoff, Jacobsen, J. Johnson, Kirby, Klicker, Klippert, Kloba, Kraft, Kretz, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Lovick, MacEwen, Macri, Maycumber, McCaslin, McEntire, Morgan, Mosbrucker, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Paul, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Ramos, Riccelli, Robertson, Rude, Rule, Ryu, Santos, Schmick, Sells, Senn, Shewmake, Simmons, Slatter, Springer, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Sullivan, Sutherland, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Valdez, Vick, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Wicks, Wylie, Ybarra, and Young

1       WHEREAS, Today, January 18, 2021, the people of Washington state  
2 join the nation in honoring the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther  
3 King; and

4       WHEREAS, Dr. King was born on Tuesday, January 15, 1929, in  
5 Atlanta, Georgia, attended a segregated school, entered college at  
6 the age of 15, and subsequently dedicated his life to advancing civil  
7 rights; and

8       WHEREAS, Dr. King led not just by words but by deeds, helping  
9 organize the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the nonviolent protests in  
10 Birmingham, and a massive march on Washington, D.C.; and

11       WHEREAS, Dr. King traveled over 6,000,000 miles, spoke over 2,500  
12 times, and was imprisoned 29 times for his dream of equality, peace,  
13 and economic justice; and

14       WHEREAS, At the age of 35, Dr. King was the youngest man to have  
15 received the Nobel Peace Prize, subsequently donating his prize money  
16 to further the civil rights movement; and

17       WHEREAS, The work of Dr. King was instrumental in the  
18 ratification of the 24th Amendment and the passing of the landmark  
19 Civil Rights Act of 1964, which outlawed racial discrimination and  
20 segregation in voting, public facilities, employment, and education;  
21 and

1       WHEREAS, Dr. King also fought for economic justice and  
2 opportunity, and was in Memphis, Tennessee, to support striking  
3 workers when he was shot on April 4, 1968; and

4       WHEREAS, Dr. King wrote, "Let us all hope that the dark clouds of  
5 racial prejudice will soon pass away, and the deep fog of  
6 misunderstanding will be lifted from our fear-drenched communities  
7 and in some not-too-distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and  
8 brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all of their  
9 scintillating beauty," and he composed this letter of hope and  
10 inspiration while behind the iron bars of a Birmingham jail cell; and

11       WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill in 1983 dedicating  
12 the third Monday of each January as a federal holiday to recognize  
13 the profound legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.;

14       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of  
15 Representatives, on behalf of the people of Washington state, honor  
16 the life of Dr. Martin Luther King through a renewed commitment to  
17 hope, civility, and justice during this time of fear and division;  
18 and

19       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives call on  
20 the people of Washington state to exemplify Dr. King's ideals of  
21 nonviolence, democratic participation, fairness, and perseverance on  
22 this day and every day to come.

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24               I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
25               Resolution 4601 adopted by the House of Representatives  
26   January 18, 2021

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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk