

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-4635, by Representatives Jenkins, Wilcox, Abbarno, Barkis, Bateman, Berg, Bergquist, Berry, Boehnke, Bronoske, Caldier, Callan, Chambers, Chandler, Chapman, Chase, Chopp, Cody, Corry, Davis, Dent, Dolan, Donaghy, 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, 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, On the third Monday in January, the people of Washington
2 state join the nation in remembering the life and legacy of Reverend
3 Doctor Martin Luther King, Junior; and

4 WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Junior was born on January 15, 1929,
5 in Atlanta, Georgia, and attended a segregated public school before
6 receiving a Bachelor of Arts from Morehouse College at the age of 19;
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8 WHEREAS, In November of 1955, Dr. King mobilized the Black
9 residents of Montgomery to protest the segregated transportation
10 system, which persisted for 381 days until the Supreme Court
11 ultimately ruled this system to be unconstitutional on November 13,
12 1956; and

13 WHEREAS, While leading the boycott, Dr. King was arrested and his
14 house bombed by segregationists, yet he maintained a message of
15 nonviolence and love in the face of hatred; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1963, he addressed a crowd of more than a quarter
17 million people at the historic March on Washington and proclaimed,
18 "Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial
19 injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood"; and

20 WHEREAS, Through bold actions and valiant leadership, Dr. King
21 advocated for and ultimately achieved transformational pieces of
22 legislation in the form of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the
23 Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

1 WHEREAS, More than five decades later, his legacy endures and
2 inspires, though it still requires our vigilance to protect his
3 lessons and achievements; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. King's memory remains a beacon, calling us to bear
5 witness and reject all acts of hate; and

6 WHEREAS, His words ring evermore true, that "We are now faced
7 with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the
8 fierce urgency of now. . . This may well be mankind's last chance to
9 choose between chaos or community";

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
11 of Representatives, in recognition of the work to which Dr. King's
12 life and death call us, and in service of his vision, honor his
13 memory by urging all citizens of our great state to take up his call
14 to bring forth community and justice, both in the lives we lead and
15 in the legislation we support.

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17 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
18 Resolution 4635 adopted by the House of Representatives
19 January 17, 2022

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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk