



# *Proclamation*

*As we prepare to observe the Martin Luther King, Jr., Federal Holiday, we reflect on the history of civil rights in America and honor Dr. King for the power of his intellect, the truth of his words, and the example of his courage. Dr. King called on our Nation to ensure equal justice under law and uphold our founding ideals of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all people.*

*Only when our children are free to pursue their full measure of success - unhindered by the color of their skin, their gender, the faith in their heart, the people they love, or the fortune of their birth - will we have reached our destination.*

*Dr. King believed that all people are made in God's image and created equal. He dedicated his life to empowering people and challenged them to lift up their neighbors and communities. He encouraged Americans to look past their differences and refused to rest until our Nation fulfilled its pledge of liberty and justice for all.*

*Today, let us ask ourselves what Dr. King believed to be life's most urgent and persistent question: "What am I doing for others?"*

*NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Toppenish does hereby proclaim the week of January 19, 2025 through January 25, 2025 as*

## ***Martin Luther King, Jr. Week***

*And we encourage all citizens to acknowledge Martin Luther King, Jr. and the principles for which he fought and died.*

*Dated this 13th day of January, 2025.*

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*Elpidia Saavedra, Mayor*