

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, the Civil Rights movement in the 1960's profoundly impacted the course of American history and continues to shape the direction and debate of our society; and

*WHEREAS*, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a civil rights leader, devoted his life to the non-violent advancement of civil rights and public service; and

*WHEREAS*, Dr. King believed in a nation of freedom and justice for all, and challenged all community members to help build a more perfect union and live up to the purpose and potential of the United States of America; and

*WHEREAS*, Dr. King's dream is no less inspirational and important today than when he first expressed it 60 years ago; and

*WHEREAS*, even with the progress achieved during the Civil Rights movement and subsequent decades, inequities, injustices, racism and other forms of discrimination and oppression are still prevalent in our society; and

*WHEREAS*, Dr. King's life was struck down by a bullet of bigotry on April 4, 1968, but his dream of pursuing a world free from prejudice and injustice lives on; and

*WHEREAS*, we honor and celebrate Dr. King's memory, and importantly, we also preserve his legacy, one that calls upon all of us to stand up against injustice and protect our most sacred tenets of democracy; and

*WHEREAS*, Dr. King always led by example and provided a framework for how each of us can shape the future by calling out injustice and continuing to work toward a more equitable society.

*NOW THEREFORE*, I, Debbie Sullivan, Mayor of the City of Tumwater, do hereby proclaim January 16, 2023, as

## *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*

and I urge people to join me and take this opportunity to reflect upon Dr. King's vision and rededicate ourselves to continuing to advance the principles of justice and equality for all.

Signed in the City of Tumwater, Washington, and recognized on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year, two thousand twenty-three.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debbie Sullivan".

*Debbie Sullivan*

*Mayor*