

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights movement in the 1960s 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 as inspirational and important today as when he first expressed it over 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 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, Leatta Dahlhoff, Mayor of the City of Tumwater, do hereby proclaim January 19, 2026, 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 6th day of January in the year, two thousand twenty-six.



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Mayor