HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2016-4649, by Representatives Chopp, Kristiansen, Appleton, Bergquist, Blake, Buys, Caldier, Chandler, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, DeBolt, Dent, Dunshee, Dye, Farrell, Fey, Goodman, Gregerson, Griffey, Haler, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Hargrove, Harmsworth, Harris, Hawkins, Hayes, Hickel, Holy, Hudgins, G. Hunt, S. Hunt, Hurst, Jinkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Kochmar, Kretz, Kuderer, Lytton, MacEwen, Manweller, McBride, McCabe, McCaslin, Moeller, Morris, Moscoso, Muri, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Parker, Peterson, Pettigrew, Pike, Pollet, Reykdal, Riccelli, Robinson, Rodne, Rossetti, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Schmick, Scott, Sells, Senn, Shea, Short, Smith, Springer, Stambaugh, Stanford, Stokesbary, Sullivan, Van De Tharinger, Wege, Tarleton, Taylor, Van Werven, WalkWHEREAS, warpday, wilanuar wilson 20 461 ithey people and father great State of Washington and the nation join together to rejoice and honor the life and legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia, and on June 18, 1953, he and Coretta Scott were married in Marion, Alabama; and

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WHEREAS, Despite Dr. King's assassination on April 4, 1968, his legacy of compassion and nonviolence lived on through his followers and his wife, Coretta Scott King; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King vehemently endorsed the virtues of compassion and equality and bravely shared his vision with America in our nation's capital by declaring, "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal'"; and

WHEREAS, His belief in equality and opportunity for all was not restricted to the cessation of racial injustice, but also extended to the necessity of economic justice for all people, so that all may live free of the afflictions of poverty; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King propelled the truths of segregation and racial injustice to the forefront of American conversation at dinner tables across the country, helping to bring an end to unjust laws, and fulfilling the promise of a democracy for every American; and

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1	WHEREAS, The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act
2	of 1965 became law thanks to the blood, sweat, and tears shed by Dr.
3	King and his supporters from every community in the United States;
4	and
5	WHEREAS, We remember Dr. King's steadfast commitment to the
6	ideals of impartiality and opportunity for all in the face of
7	tyranny, cruelty, and mistreatment by those in power; and
8	WHEREAS, Dr. King received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, the
9	youngest man to ever be selected for this extraordinary honor; and
10	WHEREAS, Dr. King's life and work will be continually celebrated
11	through a permanent federal holiday honoring his birth established by
12	the Congress of the United States; and
13	WHEREAS, Dr. King's legacy has encouraged Americans long after
14	his assassination to honor him still, posthumously bestowing him the
15	Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977, and the Congressional Gold
16	Medal in 2004; and
17	WHEREAS, We continue to look toward Dr. King's experiences and
18	teachings as we tackle the concerns of achieving complete racial,
19	social, and economic justice for all Washingtonians;
20	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of
21	Representatives, on behalf of the people of the State of Washington,
22	recognize and honor the life and work of the Reverend Dr. Martin
23	Luther King, Jr. and his commitment to a just and free world; and
24	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives call on
25	the people of the State of Washington to join us in reflecting on Dr.
26	King's life and ideals and to seek to fulfill his dream of equality
27	and opportunity for all people.
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29	I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
30	Resolution 4649 adopted by the House of Representatives
31	January 18, 2016
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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk

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