

SENATE RESOLUTION

8649

By Senators Lovick, Lovelett, Keiser, Salomon, Boehnke, Hasegawa, Hunt, Kauffman, Cleveland, Billig, Braun, Conway, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frame, Gildon, Hansen, Hawkins, Holy, King, Kuderer, Lias, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Saldaña, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, C. Wilson, J. Wilson, and L. Wilson

1 WHEREAS, Today, the third Monday in January, we remember and  
2 honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who became  
3 a beacon of hope for actualizing racial equality in our nation; and

4 WHEREAS, Today, January 15, 2024, marks what would have been Dr.  
5 King's 95th birthday; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. King used his gift of oration to awaken America to  
7 the struggles of disenfranchised communities, particularly African  
8 Americans, through nonviolent means; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. King encouraged others through his dedication to  
10 achieving equality. He once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent  
11 question is: What are you doing for others?"; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. King believed that a person's worth should be  
13 measured not by his or her color, culture, or class but rather by his  
14 or her commitment to making life better for all through service  
15 rendered to each other; and

16 WHEREAS, We mourn the loss of former Black and African American  
17 senators who tirelessly served in the Legislature and paved the way  
18 for many to follow in their paths; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. King's unwavering support for the principles of  
20 racial justice and social equality helped transform America; and

21 WHEREAS, Black communities have been disproportionately affected  
22 by the coronavirus pandemic and its continuing effects; and

1       WHEREAS, Dr. King's steadfast pursuit of fairness encouraged  
2 others, as exemplified in his famous "Letter from Birmingham  
3 Jail," in which he said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to  
4 justice everywhere.";

5       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate, in  
6 recognition of the courageous leadership and legacy of hope  
7 demonstrated by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., honor his memory by  
8 urging all citizens of our state to continue the legacy of Dr.  
9 King by condemning racism in all its forms and advancing a more  
10 perfect union where all people experience fair treatment under  
11 our laws.

12 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,  
13 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
14 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8649,  
15 adopted by the Senate  
16 January 15, 2024

17 SARAH BANNISTER  
18 Secretary of the Senate