

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2026-4672, by Representatives Jinkins, Stokesbary, Abbarno, Abell, Barkis, Barnard, Berg, Bergquist, Bernbaum, Berry, Bronoske, Burnett, Callan, Chase, Connors, Corry, Cortes, Couture, Davis, Dent, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Dufault, Dye, Engell, Entenman, Eslick, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hackney, Hall, Hill, Jacobsen, Keaton, Klicker, Kloba, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Ley, Low, Macri, Manjarrez, Marshall, McClintock, McEntire, Mena, Mendoza, Morgan, Nance, Obras, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Parshley, Paul, Penner, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Reed, Reeves, Richards, Rude, Rule, Ryu, Salahuddin, Santos, Schmick, Schmidt, Scott, Shavers, Simmons, Springer, Stearns, Steele, Stonier, Street, Stuebe, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Thomas, Timmons, Valdez, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Waters, Wylie, Ybarra, and Zahn

1 WHEREAS, Today, we join together in the state of Washington and
2 across the nation to commemorate, honor, and remember the life of
3 Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. King was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta,
5 Georgia, and graduated from Morehouse College in 1948 at just
6 nineteen years old and received his doctorate from Boston University
7 in 1955; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. King dedicated his life to the pursuit of equality,
9 justice, and economic opportunity; and

10 WHEREAS, He was beaten, terrorized, and imprisoned for his work,
11 but responded to these grave injustices and hatred with love, hope,
12 peace, and a vision of a better tomorrow instead of allowing hate to
13 fester even greater; and

14 WHEREAS, In his famous letter from the Birmingham jail, he gave
15 the entire nation a call to action where he stated, "I have earnestly
16 worked and preached against violent tension, but there is a type of
17 constructive nonviolent tension that is necessary for growth"; and

18 WHEREAS, Citizens, protestors, and organizations still use his
19 model of nonviolent civil disobedience to enact change, recalling his
20 words "hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that"; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. King propelled the ugly truths of segregation and
22 racial injustice to the forefront of American conversation at dinner

1 tables across the country, helping to bring an end to unjust laws,
2 and fulfilling the promise of a democracy for every American; and

3 WHEREAS, The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act
4 of 1965 became law thanks to the sacrifices of Dr. King and his
5 supporters; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. King was the youngest person ever to receive the
7 Nobel Peace prize in 1964, in recognition of his faith, work, and
8 dedication to the cause of human equality; and

9 WHEREAS, Despite his assassination on April 4, 1968, his legacy
10 of love, peace, compassion, and faith endures today; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. King's life work is continually celebrated through a
12 permanent federal holiday and was posthumously honored with the
13 presidential Medal of Freedom and the congressional Gold Medal; and

14 WHEREAS, The work of Dr. King is unfinished, as his petition for
15 equality and justice have not been met for all citizens of America;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, We remember the unwavering commitment, determination,
18 and perseverance Dr. King had towards the ideals of equality and
19 opportunity for all, even against oppression, corruption, and tyranny
20 from those in power.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
22 recognize the importance of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
23 and exemplify his work through embracing the sentiments of equality,
24 justice, and opportunity for all.

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26 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
27 Resolution 4672 adopted by the House of Representatives
28 January 19, 2026
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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk