

PROCLAMATION – MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. dedicated his life to the non-violent crusade for human rights for all people and advanced the values of equality, justice and opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's words and vision resonate today as they did in his lifetime, and it is incumbent upon us all to carry forward his principles of peace, equality, and service; and

WHEREAS, as the forces of hate and oppression rise up in the world, Dr. King reminds us that "the moral arc of the universe is long, but it bends towards justice"; and

WHEREAS, in his struggle for human rights Dr. King was committed to economic justice as well as social justice, and in his 1964 Nobel Peace Prize address, Dr. King called out poverty as an "evil which plagues the modern world..."; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King encouraged us to act with compassion, saying, "As you press on for justice, be sure to move with dignity and discipline, using only the weapon of love"; and

WHEREAS, the Federal government recognized Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a national holiday in law on November 2, 1983; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Olympia City Council hereby proclaims Monday, January 19, 2026, as

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

in Olympia and urges the community to pay tribute to the life and works of Dr. King through participation in acts of service to the community on this day and throughout the year.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 13th DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

Dontae Payne
Mayor