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Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day January 18th, 2021

*WHEREAS,* the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice, and opportunity for all, and challenged all Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union; and

*WHEREAS,* the Dr. King recognized that everyone can be great because everyone can serve, and during his lifetime encouraged all Americans to serve their neighbors and their communities; and

*WHEREAS,* the Dr. King's message evolved over time from one of basic civil rights of voting and desegregation, to embrace labor rights, economic and social justice, and peace and dignity for all; and

*WHEREAS,* the Dr. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968, and after fifteen years of advocacy Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was signed into law in 1983 and first celebrated as a federal holiday in 1986, but was not officially observed in all 50 states until the year 2000; and

*WHEREAS,* Dr. King's goal of a just and united society and his efforts in the struggle for civil and human rights have continued since his tragic assassination in 1968, and will go on until his dream of freedom, equality and justice for all is fully realized in the hearts, minds, and souls of the people of our community, these United States, and the world; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** I, Jennifer Gregerson Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, hereby proclaim January 18th, 2021 as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and I call this observance to the attention of all our residents. May you be inspired to continue the good works of Dr. King in our community and beyond.

Signed this 18th Day of January, 2021

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Jennifer Gregerson Mayor