

## Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo

## Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day January 15th, 2024

WHEREAS, the City of Mukilteo proudly honors the life of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., by commemorating the day of his birth; and

*WHEREAS*, Rev. Dr. King's legacy of advocating to reconcile the greatest injustice of that time is felt as strongly now as it was when his life was cut short 56 years ago; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. King remained committed to his nonviolent tactics even when he faced threats and violence, which sent a stronger message despite these ideals being lofty; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. King's message of peace continues to serve as a source of inspiration nationwide and across the world, providing each of us with the groundwork needed to pursue harmony for ourselves and each other; and

WHEREAS, Rev. 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, Rev. Dr. King's dream and his efforts towards civil and human rights have continued since his tragic assassination in 1968, and will live on in the hearts, minds, and souls of the people of our community, these United States, and the world.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** I, Joe Marine, Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, hereby proclaim January 15th, 2024, 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 Reverend Dr. King in our community and beyond.

Signed this 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of January, 2024

Joe Marine Mayor