

SENATE RESOLUTION

8604

By Senators Nobles, Lovick, Billig, Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Frame, Gildon, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Lovelett, MacEwen, Mullet, Muzzall, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Valdez, 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, 2023 marks the 55th anniversary of Dr. King's murder;
5 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. Martin Luther King, Jr., encouraged others through
10 his dedication to achieving equality. He once said, "Life's most
11 persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?";
12 and

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

17 WHEREAS, We mourn the loss of former Black and African American
18 senators who not only tirelessly served in the Legislature, but paved
19 the way for many to follow in their paths; and

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

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

1 WHEREAS, In 2020, an immense public outcry and movement that
2 followed the police killing of George Floyd - a Black man -
3 continues to call for immediate actions toward eliminating
4 systemic racism and police brutality; and

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

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

16 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,
17 do hereby certify that this is a true and
18 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8604,
19 adopted by the Senate
20 January 16, 2023

21 SARAH BANNISTER
22 Secretary of the Senate