

SENATE RESOLUTION

8603

By Senators Saldaña, Braun, Hasegawa, Hobbs, Hunt, Keiser, Billig, Brown, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Das, Dhingra, Frockt, Gildon, Kuderer, Lovelett, Nguyen, Pedersen, Randall, Robinson, Van De Wege, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J., and Wilson, L.

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, 2021 marks the 53rd 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, This session the Senate welcomes its first Black senator
10 in 10 years, Senator T'wina Nobles; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., encouraged others through
12 his dedication to achieving equality. He once said, "Life's most
13 persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?";
14 and

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

17 WHEREAS, Black communities have been disproportionately affected
18 by the effects of the coronavirus pandemic; and

19 WHEREAS, An immense public outcry following the recent police
20 killing of George Floyd - a Black man - called for immediate real
21 actions toward eliminating systemic racism and police misuse of
22 deadly force; and

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

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

12 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
13 do hereby certify that this is a true and
14 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8603,
15 adopted by the Senate
16 January 18, 2021

17 BRAD HENDRICKSON
18 Secretary of the Senate