

# Proclamation

*City of Edmonds • Office of the Mayor*

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Martín 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, in 1964 Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his nonviolent resistance to racial prejudice in America; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King encouraged Americans to come together, regardless of age, race, or creed, to strengthen their communities, to alleviate poverty, and to value the dignity and respect inherent in all people; and

WHEREAS, in his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail", Dr. King wrote, "I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.": and

WHEREAS, we remember his legacy as an American hero and tireless social activist, who called upon our country to ensure equal justice under the law; and

WHEREAS, the third Monday of January is designated a federal holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's teachings continue to guide and inspire us in addressing challenges in our communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mike Rosen, Mayor of the City of Edmonds, do hereby acknowledge Martin Luther King Jr., Day and call upon the people of Edmonds to reflect upon our individual attitudes and prejudices and to establish or renew our commitments to equal justice under the law and respect for our fellow human beings.



Mike Rosen, Mayor

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