



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led a life of exemplary courage, selflessness, and personal integrity and was a leader of the U.S. Civil Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, in 1955 Dr. King was elected by the local chapter of the Montgomery, Alabama NAACP to lead a boycott of the citywide bus system to protest the discriminatory policies that African American Citizens endured which led to the arrest of Rosa Parks who refused to give up her seat. Dr. King's successful adherence to non-violent protest in Montgomery was the foundation for the Civil Rights movement of the 1960's; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, Dr. King delivered a speech to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in which he illuminated the need for love and compassion. Dr. King articulated the importance of "a strong, demanding love," while admonishing the damaging power of hatred when he proclaimed "I have decided to stick with love... hate is too great a burden to bear," and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2019 the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee of Santa Barbara presented a community march and hosted programs at the De La Guerra Plaza and the Arlington Theater honoring Dr. King and our local commitment to this year's theme "Together We Stand," and

WHEREAS, on January 17 thru 21, 2019 the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee of Santa Barbara presented a weekend of events celebrating Dr. King in music, song, dance and speaking;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and celebrates the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and encourages all residents to participate in scheduled community events.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 29th day of January, 2019.



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