

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, Dr. King's 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech is remembered as a defining moment of the Civil Rights Movement and is credited with gathering support for the passage of the Civil Rights Act along with the 1965 Voting Rights Act and other equality and social justice achievements; and

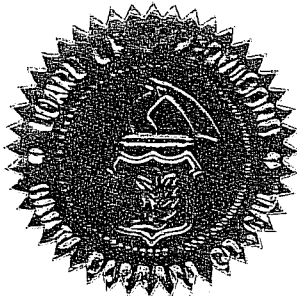
WHEREAS, in 1963, Dr. King was arrested for his participation in a rally to end segregation at lunch counters in Birmingham, Alabama. While incarcerated, he wrote Letter from Birmingham Jail, in which he powerfully articulated the founding principles and necessity of the Civil Rights Movement with his compelling words "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly"; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2016 the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee of Santa Barbara presented a community march and hosted a program at the Arlington Theater honoring Dr. King and our local commitment to this year's theme "Justice for All." The Committee is comprised of local residents who come together to remember and carry on Dr. King's legacy of equal rights and justice for all members of our community; and

WHEREAS, on January 15 thru 17th, 2016 the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee of Santa Barbara presented a weekend of events, which included a ceremony at the Eternal Flame, placed by the University of California, Santa Barbara graduating class of 1969, following the death of Dr. King and events at Trinity Episcopal Church and Greater Hope Missionary Church, 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 19th day of January, 2016 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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