

# CITY OF EVERETT



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## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, each year on the third Monday of January Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is observed and is an opportunity for us to reflect and act on the work that still needs to be done for racial equality and civil rights across our nation.

**AND**, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. devoted his life to the advancement of civil rights and public service. He believed in a nation of freedom and justice for all, and challenged all citizens to live up to the purpose and potential of America;

**AND**, in 1986, President Ronald Reagan signed Martin Luther King Jr. day into law and encouraged communities to transform it into a day of community service, grounded in King's teachings to focus on bringing people together and breaking down the barriers that have divided us as a nation;

**AND**, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s message of freedom, justice and equality continues to resonate throughout Everett;

**AND**, each year, residents of Everett recognize our rich and vibrant population of diverse ethnic backgrounds and their importance to our community by honoring the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and participating in civic events and activities that reflect his legacy; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Cassie Franklin, Mayor of the City of Everett, do hereby proclaim January 17, 2022, as

### **Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration Day**

And encourage all people to honor the memory of Dr. King, and to put his teachings into action with the commitment to the basic principles of freedom, justice and equality for all.

Signed this 14th day of January 2022

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Mayor Cassie Franklin