

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECOGNIZING THE) RESOLUTION NO. 18-4879
CONTRIBUTIONS OF REV. DR. MARTIN)
LUTHER KING JR. ON THE 50TH) Introduced by Council President Tom Hughes
ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ASSASSINATION)

WHEREAS, Metro is committed to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to address systemic inequities that impact our communities by providing support and tools to Metro staff, Metro Council, and community partners to create an equitable region for all; and

WHEREAS, Metro recognizes that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had a vision of racial equity, social and economic justice and national unity; and

WHEREAS, the sanitation workers of AFSCME Local 1733 in Memphis were subject to unsafe working conditions and racial and social injustice to such a degree that their 1968 strike drew the support of Dr. King, civil rights and labor activists, faith leaders and the broader community of the United States seeking justice and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, in the midst of that strike, Dr. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968, on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's support of equal rights led to landmark legislation, such as the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, these acts did not end racial injustice in the United States, and poverty, joblessness, discrimination and displacement continued well after Dr. King's death and continue to this day; and

WHEREAS, Metro strives to honor the work of Dr. King and the 1968 Memphis Sanitation Strike through pay equity, contract preference, First Opportunity Target Area hiring and support for efforts that mitigate displacement of people of color; now therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council recognizes the 50th Anniversary of the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr as an opportunity to reflect upon racial injustice and discrimination, and continues to commit itself to support equality and equity throughout the greater Portland region.

We ask all Metro facilities, programs and staff to honor his memory and work by recognizing a one minute moment of silence on April 4, 2018 at 4:01 pm PST.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this ~~5th~~ day of ~~April~~ 2018.
29th March

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Tom Hughes, Council President



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