



Board of Education

HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-22/30

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., changed our Nation forever through his leadership, service, and clarity of vision; and

WHEREAS, in the brief time Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. walked upon this earth, he devoted his life to strengthening the content of the American character and called on our Nation to live up to its founding principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, January 15, 2022, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. would have been 93 years of age; and

WHEREAS, one hundred years after the Emancipation Proclamation, on August 28, 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and others organized hundreds of thousands of blacks and whites, Jews and gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, in a march to the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. made his famous "I Have a Dream" speech announcing that the days of segregation in the United States were numbered; and

WHEREAS, the Lynwood Unified School District will implement an inclusive curriculum beginning with TK-12; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement helped change public policy from segregation to integration, resulting in the repeal of the post-Reconstruction era state laws mandating racial segregation in the South known as the "Jim Crow Laws," thereby leading to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and other antidiscrimination laws aimed at ending economic, legal, and social segregation in America; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement helped change public policy from legal and socially acceptable discrimination and segregation to an open and accessible policy of racial integration leading to equal participation and access to primary and higher education, housing, employment, transportation, federal, state, and local governmental elections, and other aspects of public policy relating to human rights; and

WHEREAS, through his determination, spirit, and resolve, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. helped lift souls and lead one of the greatest movements for equality and freedom in history; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 1970, California became the first state to pass legislation making Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday a school holiday and, subsequently, a statewide holiday; and

WHEREAS, January 20, 1986, marked the first observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; and

WHEREAS, the unfinished business of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement was and is the plight of the poor, the fight against war and for worldwide peace, and the struggle for a fair, equitable, and sensible economic system; and

WHEREAS, fueled by President Obama’s call to service, the 2009 King Day of Service experienced a historic level of participation, as Americans across the country honored Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by serving their communities on the January 20th King Holiday. In total, more than 13,000 projects took place, more than doubling the 2008 record of 5,000 projects; and

WHEREAS, Monday, January 17, 2022, marks the 36th national celebration of the national holiday for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his fight for civil and human rights; and

WHEREAS, in celebrating the expressions of our differences, we delight in the spirit that unites individuals throughout our community and schools; and

WHEREAS, the Lynwood Unified School District wishes to honor the lasting legacy of this great American, remember the ideals for which he fought, and recommit ourselves to ensuring that our country’s promise extends to all Americans across the great land; and

WHEREAS, as we observe Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday, the Lynwood Unified School District encourages all Americans to celebrate his memory by performing acts of kindness through service to others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lynwood Unified School District, that all students and citizens be encouraged to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by living out his teachings as we continue to work for the day when the dignity and humanity of every person is respected; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Monday, January 17, 2022, be observed as the official memorial of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birth and his work in the Civil Rights Movement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this day, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement be commemorated for their help in changing public policy from segregation to integration, for the betterment of this, and other students who seek equality in education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lynwood Unified School District encourages all Americans to pay tribute to the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through participation in community service projects on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lynwood Unified School District recognizes the inherent value of community service and volunteerism in the creation of a civil society and as a means of nonviolent community progress consistent with the works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lynwood Unified School District recognizes the benefits of the collaborative work by many organizations that promote, facilitate, and carry out needed service projects nationwide; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lynwood Unified School District acknowledges that, by serving one’s country, one’s community, and one’s neighbor, our nation makes progress in civility, equality, and unity consistent with the values and life’s work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools of the Lynwood Unified School District transmit copies of this resolution to all school sites and administrative offices for appropriate distribution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Lynwood Unified School District on January 13, 2022.

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