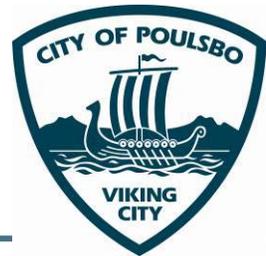


City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Rebecca Erickson



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King Jr., born on January 15, 1929, was destined to make our world a greater and more noble place in which to live, dedicating his life to ending the injustice of racism and gracing the world with his vision of a land guided by love instead of hatred and by acceptance instead of intolerance; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 1963, Dr. King described his goals most eloquently in his famous "I have a Dream" speech at the historic Civil Rights march on Washington challenging us, with his unparalleled commitment to justice and nonviolence, to look deeply within ourselves to find the roots of racism; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, the many people, both black and white, who had worked with him so hard for peace and civil rights were shocked and angered when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated at the age of 39; and

WHEREAS, throughout his all too brief life, Dr. King often confronted powerful and even violent opposition, sacrificing his liberty his personal safety and, ultimately, his life for the cause of freedom; now therefore,

I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 18, 2010 as

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

And call upon the citizens of Poulsbo and the surrounding area to observe the occasion with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

Dated this 13th day of January, 2010

Rebecca Erickson, MAYOR