

HOUSE MEMORIAL 8

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026

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A MEMORIAL

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF REVEREND DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR.

WHEREAS, during the week of January 12 through January 19, 2026, the people of New Mexico will commemorate the life and legacy of Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. throughout the state as part of the "Dream Week" commemorations organized by the Martin Luther King, Jr. commission, which was created by act of the legislature in 1991; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the observance of the 2026 Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday is "Mission Possible Two: Building Community, Uniting a Nation the Nonviolent Way"; and

WHEREAS, "Dream Week 2026" will feature events, celebrations and moments of service designed to uplift Dr. King's ideals and bring New Mexico communities together

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1 statewide; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. King was awarded the 1964 Nobel peace prize
3 for his leadership in the nonviolent struggle for civil rights
4 and the passage of landmark civil rights legislation; and

5 WHEREAS, through his life, Dr. King left a blueprint to
6 follow for the achievement of both personal excellence and
7 realization of "the beloved community", where there is peace,
8 love, respect and equality for all; and

9 WHEREAS, it is important to honor Dr. King's teaching that
10 "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere"; and

11 WHEREAS, the diverse communities of New Mexico reflect the
12 beautiful multicultural vision of Dr. King's dream; and

13 WHEREAS, New Mexico is committed to civil rights and
14 equality for all; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. King's philosophy of social justice and
16 nonviolence remains essential for addressing contemporary
17 challenges and building unity in communities;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
19 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the life and
20 legacy of Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. be
21 commemorated and honored; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the governor, the president pro tempore of the
24 senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chair
25 of the African American legislative day council and the

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1 executive director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. commission.

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