

1 A MEMORIAL

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

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5 WHEREAS, during the week of January 12 through January  
6 19, 2026, the people of New Mexico will commemorate the life  
7 and legacy of Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr.  
8 throughout the state as part of the "Dream Week"  
9 commemorations organized by the Martin Luther King, Jr.  
10 commission, which was created by act of the legislature in  
11 1991; and

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

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

19 WHEREAS, Dr. King was awarded the 1964 Nobel peace prize  
20 for his leadership in the nonviolent struggle for civil  
21 rights and the passage of landmark civil rights legislation;  
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23 WHEREAS, through his life, Dr. King left a blueprint to  
24 follow for the achievement of both personal excellence and  
25 realization of "the beloved community", where there is peace,

1 love, respect and equality for all; and

2 WHEREAS, it is important to honor Dr. King's teaching  
3 that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere";  
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5 WHEREAS, the diverse communities of New Mexico reflect  
6 the beautiful multicultural vision of Dr. King's dream; and

7 WHEREAS, New Mexico is committed to civil rights and  
8 equality for all; and

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

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the life and  
14 legacy of Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. be  
15 commemorated and honored; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
17 transmitted to the governor, the president pro tempore of the  
18 senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chair  
19 of the African American legislative day council and the  
20 executive director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. commission. =

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