

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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By Smith-Wade-El, Ismail District
NO. 49

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Recomendation _____
By Hon. _____

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and
2 recognizing January 15, 2024, as "Martin Luther King, Jr.,
3 Day" and as a day of service in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr., was born on January 15,
5 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia, to Reverend Michael King, Sr., and
6 Alberta King (née Williams), the second of three children; and

7 WHEREAS, Ever since he was a child, Dr. King, born Michael
8 King, Jr., witnessed racial segregation, commonplace at the
9 time, and took a stand against racial injustices done to
10 himself; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. King followed in his father's and grandfather's
12 footsteps by becoming a Baptist minister after graduation from
13 Morehouse College in 1948 and Crozer Theological Seminary in
14 1951; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. King received his doctorate degree from Boston
16 University in 1955; and

17 WHEREAS, As pastor, Dr. King was vocal in his disdain for
18 racial segregation and organized a citywide boycott of the

1 segregated busing system in Montgomery, Alabama, which led to a
2 United States Supreme Court decision forcing desegregation of
3 the buses; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. King championed the philosophy of nonviolent
5 passive resistance, civil disobedience and freedom from
6 oppression; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1960, Dr. King moved back to Atlanta to join his
8 father as associate pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church and
9 organized the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to fight
10 segregation and discrimination throughout the South; and

11 WHEREAS, He led a massive voter registration drive in Selma,
12 Alabama, resulting in the famous freedom march to Montgomery,
13 the state capital; and

14 WHEREAS, The famous march on Washington, DC, in 1963
15 culminated in a great rally at the Lincoln Memorial at which Dr.
16 King gave his immortal "I Have a Dream" speech and the enactment
17 of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

18 WHEREAS, His determined leadership of the civil rights
19 movement in the United States was formally recognized in 1964
20 when he received the Nobel Peace Prize; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. King was assassinated in 1968 while in Memphis,
22 Tennessee; and

23 WHEREAS, The third Monday of January has been designated as a
24 national holiday as well as a State holiday within the
25 Commonwealth, providing all Americans an opportunity to reflect
26 upon the profound impact of Dr. King's personal sacrifices and
27 efforts to ensure freedom for all; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life
29 and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and recognize January
30 15, 2024, as "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day" and as a day of

1 service in Pennsylvania.