

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY
WASHINGTON**



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, during his lifetime, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., was recognized with one of the highest honors bestowed on any individual, the Nobel Peace Prize; and

WHEREAS, Reverend King persevered in the fight to secure voting rights for people denied this right solely on the basis of the color of their skin; and

WHEREAS, generations of Americans and millions of people around the world have been inspired by the words and deeds of Reverend King in the struggle to create a better world for all; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. is honored and remembered as part of our national heritage through special events, historical retrospectives and personal remembrances; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, in Snohomish County, a multi-ethnic, multi-faith community committee was formed by members of area African American Christian churches to honor and celebrate the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and to reflect upon his enduring commitment to the basic principles of freedom, justice and equality for all; and

WHEREAS, the Interfaith Association of Northwest Washington will co-sponsor the Greater Everett Community celebration hosted by First United Methodist Church on January 25, 2009, with a presentation by Mr J.J. Frank on this year's theme of "DOing Justice."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Aaron Reardon, County Executive of Snohomish County, do hereby call upon the citizens of Snohomish County to join together in celebration of the life and legacy of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 19, 2009; and to remember the courageous champion of peace and influential civil rights leader who waged a fight without violence and brought hope into the hearts of millions of people around the world; and do hereby proclaim January 13 - 25, 2009 as

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAYS
in Snohomish County**

Signed this 12th day of January, 2009.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Aaron G. Reardon". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a horizontal line.

Aaron G. Reardon
County Executive