



MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD
RESOLUTION 23/24-26

In Recognition of January 15, 2024 as Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

WHEREAS, in 1964, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. received the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway, for his dynamic leadership of the Civil Rights Movement and steadfast commitment to achieving racial justice through nonviolent action. He pledged the prize money to the movement's continued development. At the age of 35, Dr. King became the youngest man, and only the second African American, to receive the prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement helped change public policy from segregation to integration, resulting in the repeal of the post-Reconstruction era state laws mandating racial segregation in the South, known as the "Jim Crow Laws," thereby leading to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, now effective for 59 years, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and other antidiscrimination laws aimed at ending economic, legal, and social segregation in America; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King, in the last months of his life, began organizing a Poor People's Campaign to, among other things, assemble "a multiracial army of the poor that would descend on Washington—engaging in nonviolent civil disobedience at the Capitol, if need be—until Congress enacted a poor people's bill of rights," and 2023 marks the 55th anniversary of this campaign; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement helped change public policy from legal and socially acceptable discrimination and segregation to an open and accessible policy of racial integration leading to equal participation in and access to primary and higher education, housing, employment, transportation, federal, state, and local governmental elections, and other aspects of public policy relating to human rights; and

WHEREAS we proudly follow Dr. King's legacy by advocating for peace and justice for all people, exhibiting cultural competency, reflexivity and humility, and celebrating our diversity with numerous events within the Mt. Diablo Unified School District (MDUSD) community throughout the year,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Board of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District hereby calls upon school district and community members to observe this day by actively participating in civic, community, and service projects in honor of Dr. King's 95th birthday, and to commemorate the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom and recommit to living our shared MDUSD values, including equal access to educational opportunities within an educational environment that builds trust and inclusive partnerships between the students, parents/guardians and staff.

AYES: NOES: ABSENCES: ABSTENTIONS:

Keisha Nzewi, Board Member

Erin McFerrin, Board Member

Cherise Khaund, Board Member

Debra Mason Board Member

Linda Mayo, Board Member

Dr. Adam Clark, Superintendent

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Adopted at the meeting of the MDUSD Governing Board of Education on 12/13/2023
