

MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD
RESOLUTION 20/21-39

In Recognition of January 18, 2021 as Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

WHEREAS on January 15, 1929, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who is one of America's beloved national heroes, was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and with profound faith in our nation's promise, went on to lead a non-violent movement that urged our country's leaders to expand the reach of freedom and provide equal opportunity for all and he vindicated the belief that humble citizens can collaborate together to change America and the world; and

WHEREAS on August 28, 1963 when Dr. King delivered in Washington, DC the, "I Have a Dream" speech, which is one of the greatest speeches in our nation's history, a quarter million men and women took part in the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation as diverse people were woven together like a great American human tapestry, sharing in the dream that our nation would one day make real the promise of liberty, equality, and justice for all; and

WHEREAS the March on Washington capped off a summer of discontent, a time when the call for civil rights was met with imprisonment, bomb threats, and brutality, and the marchers endured Billy clubs and fire hose blasts, yet they chose to respond with nonviolent resistance with a fierce dignity that stirred our nation's conscience and paved the way for two major victories of the Civil Rights Movement, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

WHEREAS we remember that the March on Washington was a demonstration for jobs as well as freedom, and the coalition that brought about civil rights understood that racial equality and fairness for workers are bound together because when one American gets a raw deal, it jeopardizes liberty, equality, and justice for everyone, and these are lessons we carry forward that we cannot march alone, that our beloved America flourishes best when we acknowledge our common humanity, that our future is interdependently linked to the destiny of every soul on earth; and

WHEREAS it is not enough to reflect with pride on the victories of the Civil Rights Movement, and in honor of every man, woman, and child who left footprints on the National Mall, we must make progress in our time, and let us guard against prejudice whether at our schools, at the polls, or in the workplace, whether on our streets or in our own hearts, and let us pledge that, in the words of Dr. King, "we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream;" and

WHEREAS we proudly follow Dr. King's legacy by becoming drum majors for peace and justice for all people, exhibiting cultural competency, reflexivity and humility, and celebrating our diversity with numerous events within the MDUSD community throughout the year,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Board of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District hereby calls upon everyone to observe this day by actively participating in civic, community, and service projects in honor of Dr. King's 92nd birthday, and to commemorate the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom by living our shared MDUSD values, striving for righteousness, and bringing goodness to others.

AYES: NOES: ABSENCES: ABSTENTIONS:

Cherise Khaund, Board President

Debra Mason, Board Vice President

Linda Mayo, Board Member

Erin McFerrin, Board Member

Keisha Nzewi, Board Member

Dr. Adam Clark, Superintendent

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Adopted at the meeting of the MDUSD Governing Board of Education on January 13, 2021
