

**ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**AFFIRMATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 42, 2022-2023**

**WHEREAS**, January 16, 2023, is a national holiday in honor of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was universally recognized as a proponent of non-violence in the pursuit of freedom and justice in the United State; and

**WHEREAS**, this great American is an international symbol of freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, his dream was of America as a country without prejudice and bigotry where people would be accepted based on their actions and not on the color of their skin; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. firmly believed that the road which led to justice, equality, and a new sense of dignity for millions of Black people opened for all Americans a new era of progress and hope; and

**WHEREAS**, the celebration of his birthday reminds all of us to ensure that we preserve a nation which practices equality for all; and

**WHEREAS**, the third Monday in January, a national holiday since 1983, has become known as a Day of Service by which to honor Dr. King's legacy; and

**WHEREAS**, a Day of Service empowers individuals, strengthens communities, bridges barriers, creates solutions to social problems, and moves us closer to Dr. King's vision of a beloved community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Board of the Elk Grove Unified School District, that January 16, 2023, be affirmed a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday where teachers and students can conduct special studies on Dr. King's life and all students, parents, teachers, and staff are encouraged to observe this day as a Day of Service by engaging in volunteer activities in service of our community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be distributed to every school in the District.

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Date

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CHRISTOPHER R. HOFFMAN, SUPERINTENDENT and  
SECRETARY to the GOVERNING BOARD of  
ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT