

# CITY OF SPOKANE



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. believed that true peace requires not only the absence of war, but the powerful presence of justice, and that “violence brings only temporary victories, violence, by creating many more social problems than it solves, never brings permanent peace”; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. awakened the hearts of Americans by calling for true equality and integrity amongst citizens, by promoting a sense of justice that moves beyond racism, and by encouraging a national realization that “injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere”; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of Spokane should continue to live by Dr. King’s principles, ethics and philosophy that all of us must work together for the common cause of bettering humankind as a united body and serving our community in positive ways:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim January 19, 2026 as

### MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. OBSERVANCE DAY

in Spokane and invite all residents to participate in “a day on, not a day off” to celebrate the life and legacy of this Civil Rights leader.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
12th day of January 2026.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Lisa Brown".

Lisa Brown  
Mayor

