

WHEREAS, The City of Kyle encourages and promotes strong and inclusive communities that recognize and celebrate efforts to bring people together for a greater good; and

WHEREAS, The City of Kyle commemorates the life and efforts of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. along with many others to redeem this nation of racism, war, poverty, injustice and in King's words, "...an opportunity to inject morality in the veins of our civilization."; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 50 years ago today, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated speaking out and marching exhaustively for these efforts. When he was asked prior to this does he fear for his life stated, "It isn't important how long you live, the important thing is how well you live."; and

WHEREAS, In the words of Robert F. Kennedy in an impromptu speech on the night of the civil rights leader's murder stated, "Martin Luther King dedicated his life to love and to justice between fellow human beings. He died in the cause of that effort." Kennedy went on to challenge those listening, "You can be filled with bitterness, and with hatred, and a desire for revenge. We can move in that direction as a country... Or we can make an effort, as Martin Luther King did, to understand, and to comprehend, and replace that violence... with an effort to understand, compassion, and love."; and

WHEREAS, 50 years after his death it is important that we all remember the efforts and words of the slain civil rights leader challenging ourselves, our communities, and representatives to, as he stated, "If you can't drive you run... if you can't run you walk... if you can't walk you crawl... but keep moving forward." And we must mirror this call for a loving and understanding nation that begins within each of us; and

THEREFORE, be it proclaimed by the City of Kyle, that this day, April 3, 2018 should be remembered as the

"Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration of Life Day"

in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. and celebrating the life he lived working tirelessly for victims of racism, poverty, and injustice while promoting love, compassion, and unity with your neighbors and all members of our communities.

SIGNED AND ENTERED THIS 3rd DAY OF April, 2018.

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