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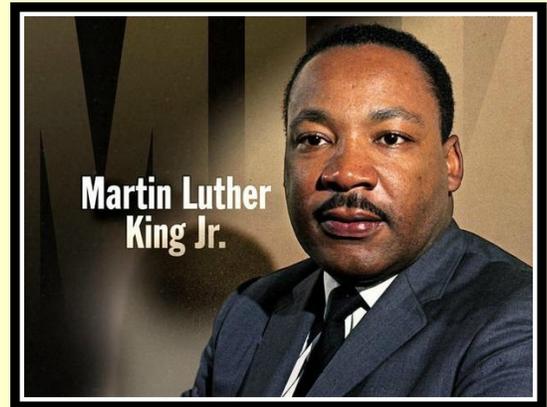
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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a federal holiday in the United States honoring the achievements of Martin Luther King, Jr. - the chief spokesman for nonviolent activism in the civil rights movement to end racial segregation. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year, which is close to January 15, Dr. King's birthday. This year it will be observed on Monday, January 18.



Martin Luther King, Jr. was the most influential of African American civil rights leaders during the 1960s, he was instrumental in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which outlawed discrimination in public accommodations, facilities, and employment, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. King was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1964. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

The bill established the holiday was signed by the President Ronald Reagan on November 2, 1983. The first observance nationwide was in 1986, but some states opposed to observed it as a paid holiday for state employees. As of the year 2000, all of the states officially recognize the holiday.

Martin Luther King, Jr. is one of the only three people who have national holidays in the USA, the other two are Christopher Columbus and George Washington.



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END RACISM DAY

March 21

March 21 marks the commemoration of End Racism Day, officially observed since 1966 by the United Nations as The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The SC Human Affairs Commission staff, namely the Community Relations Consultants will take the lead on planning activities in the Columbia area for End Racism Day each year. Community Relations Councils are strongly encouraged to participate by planning an event each year. We look forward to hearing about your event.

This annual event is a way we can help our communities celebrate the differences in others - such as race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability and religion. We hope that through this one-day activity, people throughout the state will have the opportunity to learn about South Carolina's diverse citizenry, and through that a dialogue begins that will lessen the hate that is fueled by fear and lack of knowledge through interaction and education.

List of possible activities: Breakfast/Luncheon/Dinner with culturally diverse groups for a discussion on racism; Elementary School Drawing Contest and Middle/High School Art or Essay Contest on End Racism Day; Panel or Book Discussion; Show a Film and have a discussion; International Food/Dance Event; Host a Deliberative Dialogue in your county; etc.



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