

BMWED Honors the Memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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***“...Free at last! Free at last!
Thank God Almighty, We are free at last!”***

Each year on the third Monday of January - schools, federal offices, post offices and banks along with countless other establishments across America close as we celebrate the birth, the life and the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

It is a time for the nation to remember the injustices that Dr. King fought. A time to remember his fight for the freedom, equality, and dignity of all races and peoples. A time to remember his message of change through nonviolence. As Dr. King said it best...

"We must meet hate with love. We must meet physical force with soul force. There is still a voice crying out through the vista of time, saying: Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, pray for them that spitefully use you. Then, and only then, can you matriculate into the university of eternal life. That same voice cries out in terms lifted to cosmic proportions: He who lives by the sword will perish by the sword. And history is replete with the bleached bones of nations that failed to follow this command. We must follow nonviolence and love."

(Martin Luther King, Jr., Give Us the Ballot, 17 May 1957)

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