



## King County

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in accordance with the United Nations Charter, a pre-emptive war against a sovereign and independent nation is illegal; and

WHEREAS, the killing of innocent civilians is a crime against humanity and the estimated number of Iraqi war related deaths now exceeds 600,000; and

WHEREAS, the human cost of this war to our soldiers now stands at over 3,000 killed, over 55,000 wounded and injured with thousands of returnees experiencing post traumatic stress disorders while veterans benefits are slashed by the current white house administration; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King Jr. County honors the sacrifices and incredible commitment of our brave men and women who serve our country in the military and wishes them a safe return home for a reunion with their families and community; and

WHEREAS, as citizens of this great region we must struggle tirelessly to end U.S. military operations in Iraq and a rapid and orderly withdrawal of U.S. forces from that country; and

WHEREAS, by ending this brutal and painful conflict we must apply those valuable resources wasted in the war to the growing needs of our local communities, including our veterans as well as aiding our Iraqi brothers and sisters in rebuilding their devastated homeland;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Ron Sims, County Executive, Larry Gossett, Chair of the County Council do hereby proclaim Monday, March 19, 2007 to be

### *End of the War Day*

in Martin Luther King Jr. County. We encourage all residents to join us in putting an end to this administration's brutal and illegal war.

Ron Sims  
Martin Luther King Jr.  
County Executive



Larry Gossett  
Chair of the King County  
Council