WHEREAS, recognizing the important role a global education plays in the growth and development of our children, leaders in the community have come together today to discuss the future of education in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the International Education Leadership Summit: Expanding Chinese Language Capacity in the State of Washington brings education, business and community leaders together to participate in an open dialogue about the role Chinese language capacity can play in the learning experiences of students in preschool through graduate school; and

WHEREAS, the event will feature a conversation with Dr. Shuhan Wang, co-author of a report about expanding Chinese language capacity in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Education is the foundation for our community’s future and the International Education Leadership Summit is to be commended for its efforts to enhance educational opportunities and enhance pathways to success for all students; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron Sims, Executive of Martin Luther King, Jr. County, do hereby recognize the

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on this the 30th day of January, 2006. I encourage all residents to join me in honoring the organizers and participants of this summit for their commitment to the education of our students.