

## The History of Dr. Martin Luther King Day @ your library®



1968

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinated; Representative John Conyers, Democrat from Michigan, introduces legislation for federal holiday to commemorate Dr. King.

1973

Illinois is first state to adopt MLK Day as a state holiday.

1983

Congress passes and President Ronald Reagan signs legislation creating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

1986

Federal MLK holiday goes into effect.

1989

State MLK holiday adopted in 44 states.

1999

New Hampshire becomes last state to adopt a state MLK holiday.

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