

Resolution

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 15-16-32

Proclaiming

César Chávez Day

March 31, 2016

WHEREAS, on March 31 we celebrate the birthday of **César Chávez** as a day of public service to recognize the hard work and self-sacrifice that farmworkers experience in order to feed and support their families and to learn from **César Chávez's** life and his mission of nonviolence, social justice, and selfless service to others; and

WHEREAS, understanding the value of education as a path to a better life and becoming self-educated through his passion for reading, Civil Rights, Labor, and Latino Leader **César Chávez** experienced the hardships and injustices of farmworker life firsthand, quitting school after completing the 8th grade to work full time and help support his family in the fields; and

WHEREAS, through countless strikes, boycotts, marches, and fasts that produced many victories and some defeats, **César Chávez** never stopped his peaceful battles on behalf of the farmworkers with whom he shared his life; and

WHEREAS, since **César Chávez's** passing, the César Chávez Foundation and United Farm Workers has continued his work organizing farmworkers and campaigns to enact laws and regulations to bring dignity and protections to farmworkers and improve the lives of hundreds of thousands of low-wage, working families; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 984 was signed into law on August 18, 2000, creating the **César Chávez Day** of Service and Learning where California schools reserve this day to *Educate, Celebrate, and Serve* the legacy of one of America's great heroes, engaging students to learn about the life of **César Chávez**, and encouraging them to become leaders within their communities; and

WHEREAS, as **César Chávez** said: "Once social change begins, it cannot be reversed. You cannot uneducate the person who has learned to read. You cannot humiliate the person who feels pride. You cannot oppress the people who are not afraid anymore;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Education does hereby adopt Resolution No. 15-16-32 to honor **César Chávez Day** and recognizes his courageous life and contributions, and encourages public schools countywide to conduct appropriate activities in observance of his birthday on March 31.

**Passed and Adopted
on the
Second Day of March 2016**

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