

Resolution

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 17-18-36

Proclaiming

César Chávez Day of Service and Learning

March 31, 2018

WHEREAS, born on March 31, 1927 and experiencing the hardships and injustices of farmworker life firsthand, Cesar Chavez valued education as a path to a better life, became self-educated, and served as a voice for California migrant workers as a prominent Latino labor leader and civil rights activist; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 984 was signed into law on August 18, 2000, creating **César Chávez Day of Service and Learning** where California schools engage students to learn about the life of César Chávez and observe March 31 as a day to *Educate, Celebrate, and Serve* the legacy of one of America's great heroes; and


WHEREAS, through countless peaceful battles, strikes, boycotts, marches, and fasts that produced both victories and defeats, César Chávez pursued a mission of nonviolence, social justice, and selfless service to others and organized farmworkers and campaigns to enact laws and regulations to bring dignity and protections to farmworkers; and

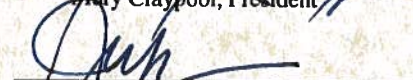
WHEREAS, working to improve the lives of hundreds of thousands of low-wage working families, Cesar Chavez protested against the use of pesticides that posed harmful effects to their health, and Monterey County community organizers continue to educate and advocate for the ban of certain pesticides and the restriction of their use near schools and day-care centers; and

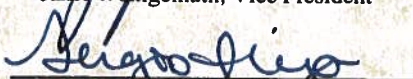
WHEREAS, César Chávez said: "We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community... Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others for their sakes and for our own:"

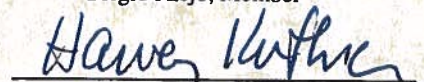
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Education does hereby adopt Resolution No. 17-18-36 to honor **César Chávez Day of Service and Learning**, and recognizes his courageous life and contributions, and encourages public schools countywide to conduct appropriate activities in observance of his birthday on March 31.

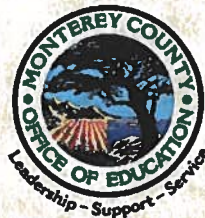
Passed and Adopted on the
Seventh Day of February, 2018


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