



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 31
CESAR CHAVEZ DAY IN
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez was born on March 31, 1927 near Yuma, Arizona. At age 11, Cesar became a migrant farm worker with his family. As a farm worker, Cesar traveled throughout the fields, orchards and vineyards of California and experiences first-hand the hardships and injustices of farm worker life that would serve as the foundation for his later commitments to social and economic justice. As a testament to his legacy, March 31 is recognized as CESAR CHAVEZ DAY in the state of California; and

WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez was an initial founder of the National Farm Workers Association, the precursor of the United Farm Workers Union (UFW), which has helped farm workers achieve fair pay, improved working conditions, medical care and adequate housing; and

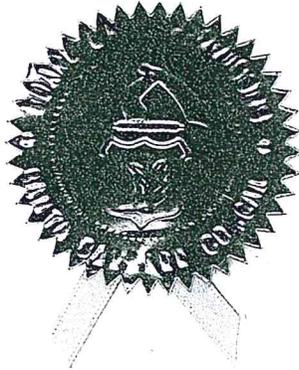
WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez made significant social justice contributions that were built upon the non-violent methods employed by Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King; and

WHEREAS, to demonstrate his commitment to non-violence, Cesar Chavez supported the grape boycott in 1965, went on a 25-day fast in 1968, participated in the nationwide lettuce boycott in 1970 and again fasted for 36 days in 1988 to protest pesticide application practices that negatively affected the health of farm workers; and

WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez's struggle for universal civil rights is a testament to his courage and resolve as he led a movement that triumphed over adversity and opposition. His success continues to be an inspiration for individuals and communities who are still working to advance the principles of all forms of social justice through non-violence organizing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares March 31, 2014 as CESAR CHAVEZ DAY in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED, and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 1st day of April, 2014 by the unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Monica Dreyfus
Clerk of the Board

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