

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

CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez was born on March 31, 1927 near Yuma, Arizona and 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 experienced 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, in the early 1960s Cesar Chávez co-founded the National Farm Workers Association, the precursor of the United Farm Workers Union (UFW), and subsequently focused attention on the plight of migrant farm workers resulting in the formation of the first successful farm workers' union in the United States; and

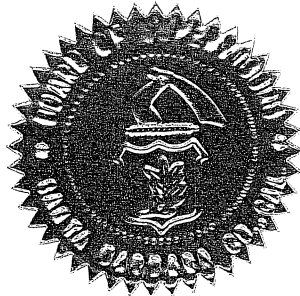
WHEREAS, under the leadership of Cesar Chavez, the National Farm Workers Association used principles of non-violence, with strikes and boycotts to help farm workers achieve fair pay, improved working conditions, medical care and adequate housing. Cesar Chávez remained president of United Farm Workers of America until his death on April 23, 1993; 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, epitomized in his motto, "Si se puede!" ("Yes, it can be done!"), 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-violent organizing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares March 31, 2016 as **CESAR CHAVEZ DAY** in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED, and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 15th day of March, 2016 by the unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Monroe Reynolds
 Clerk of the Board

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