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# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

Resolution Proclaiming March 31, 2008, As  
CESAR CHAVEZ DAY

WHEREAS, March 31, 2008, is recognized and designated as CESAR CHAVEZ DAY statewide; and

WHEREAS, after helping Latinos with immigration and organizing farm workers to register to vote, Cesar Chavez started a new union, the National Farm Workers Association; and

WHEREAS, inspired by the non-violent methods employed by Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Cesar Chavez supported the grape boycott in 1965 and the nationwide lettuce boycott in 1970; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cesar Chavez's demonstrated commitment to non-violence through a 25-day fast in 1968, and a 36-day fast in 1988 to protest pesticide use; and

WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez received national and international honors for his perseverance and success in achieving fair pay, adequate housing and medical care for the farm workers in the United States; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares March 31, 2008, as CESAR CHAVEZ DAY, and calls its citizens to celebrate with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors encourages all Santa Barbara County to recognize this day and to embrace the tenets in which Cesar Chavez believed: education and respect for all, human rights, and community service.

PASSED, and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this eighteenth day of March 2008, by the unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District