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## **SANTA®BARBARA**

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 31 CESAR CHAVEZ DAY IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

## **CALIFORNIA**

WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez came from the humble beginnings of working as a migrant farm worker where he rose to lead a movement of social change that was founded on the principles of human rights, community service, education and respect for all. 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. His legacy of working to achieve economic, social and environmental justice for thousands of migrant workers taught our nation that when an individual prospers we all prosper; 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 use; and

WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez own words stating that "the love for justice that is in us is not only the best part of our being, but it is also the most true to our nature" inspired countless individuals to action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares March 31, 2011 as CESAR CHAVEZ DAY in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED, and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this fifth day of April, 2011 by the unanimous vote of all members present.



Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 3rd District

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Supervisor - 5th District