



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION HONORING THE LEGACY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CESAR CHAVEZ

Whereas, Cesar Estrada Chavez was born on March 31, 1927, near Yuma, Arizona;

Whereas, at the age of 17, Cesar Chavez entered the United States Navy and served with distinction;

Whereas, in 1962, Cesar Chavez established the National Farm Workers Association, which eventually became the United Farm Workers of America;

Whereas, under the leadership of Cesar Chavez, the United Farm Workers of America helped thousands of migrant farm workers receive safe and fair working conditions, reasonable wages, livable housing, and disavowed child labor;

Whereas, through his commitment to nonviolence, Cesar Chavez brought dignity and respect to farm workers and became an inspiration to and a resource for individuals engaged in human rights campaigns throughout the world;

Whereas, the influence of Cesar Chavez extends far beyond agriculture and provides inspiration for individuals working to better human rights, empower workers, and advance the American Dream;

Whereas, the United States government honored the life and service of Cesar Chavez by proclaiming March 31 to be a Federal Commemorative Holiday;

Now, therefore, be it be resolved, that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisor recognizes the accomplishments and example of Cesar Chavez, a great hero of the United States of America, the State of California and the County of Santa Barbara; pledges to promote the legacy of service of Cesar Chavez; and to always remember his great rallying cry: "Si, se puede!", which is Spanish for "Yes, we can!", as a symbol of unity, perseverance and hope.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 21st day of March 2017, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Monica Reyes
Clerk of the Board

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