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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, his family lost their farm during the Great Depression and became migrant farm workers. As a farm worker, Cesar traveled throughout the fields, orchards and vineyards of California he experience 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

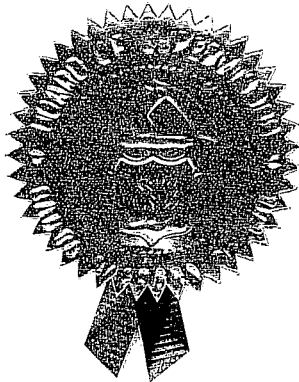
WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez made significant social justice contributions that were built upon the non-violent methods employed by Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King. His leadership and efforts led to improved economic, social and environmental justice for thousands of farm workers and their families; 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. In a 1978 article for Maryknoll Magazine, Cesar Chavez wrote "The greater the oppression, the more leverage nonviolence holds. Violence does not work in the long run and if it is temporarily successful, it replaces one violent form of power with another just as violent."; 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 these principles through non-violence organizing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares March 31, 2013 as CESAR CHAVEZ DAY in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED, and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 19th day of March, 2013 by the unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Chanda Valles
Clerk of the Board

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