

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

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

WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez believed in human rights, community service, education and respect for all and as a testament to his legacy, March 31 is recognized as CESAR CHAVEZ DAY in the state of California; and

WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez was dedicated to workers' rights which led to the founding of the National Farm Workers Association, the precursor of the United Farm Workers union (UFW) which has helped farm workers achieve fair pay, adequate housing and medical care; and

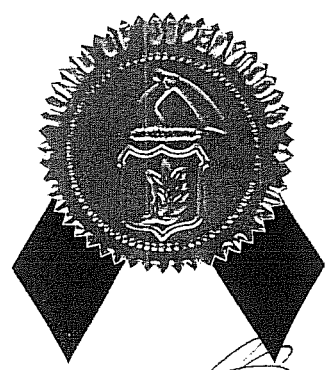
WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez made significant social justice contributions that were built upon the non-violent methods employed by Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

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 received national and international honors for his perseverance and success in his plight for social justice 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, 2009, as CESAR CHAVEZ DAY in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED, and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 7th day of April, 2009, by the unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: _____
Clerk of the Board

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