



Sample Resolution Declaring March 31 César E. Chávez Day

WHEREAS, César E. Chávez was a heroic figure of the 20th century, who inspired millions into action for economic justice, civil rights and political empowerment; and

WHEREAS, the son of migrant farm workers, César E. Chávez learned about the oppression of field laborers firsthand and founded the United Farm Workers of America in 1962 to help educate his fellow farm workers to understand their rights to a safe workplace and a just wage; and

WHEREAS, César E. Chávez developed and adhered to principles of non-violence in his crusade for peace and justice after studying civic action and the works of Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, César E. Chávez and his followers dedicated themselves to the education of migrant workers and their children through the establishment of better schools, fighting to empower farm workers through voter registration, and teaching community members how to organize themselves to effectively represent their interests with government, school, and financial institutions; and

WHEREAS, César E. Chávez said, “real education should consist of drawing the goodness and the best out of our own students ... The end of all education should surely be service to others.”; and

WHEREAS, California has established an official state holiday to honor César E. Chávez, and authorized schools to commemorate him with student community service projects on March 31, and provide instruction on the farm labor movement in the United States and the role of César E. Chávez played in the movement; and

WHEREAS, *NAME OF SCHOOL DISTRICT OR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION* [mention any specific, significant past or current programs, clubs, activities, etc. the local educational agency has implemented in honor of César E. Chávez]; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing board of the *NAME OF SCHOOL DISTRICT OR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION* recognizes March 31, 2022, as César E. Chávez Day of Service and Learning, and encourages student participation in authorized school community service honoring the life and work of César E. Chavez.

Adopted this _____ day of the month of _____ in 2022.

Motion made by: _____ Second made by: _____

List members voting “aye:” _____

List members voting “no:” _____

List members abstaining: _____

List members not present: _____