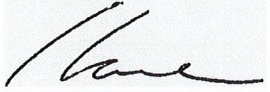


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 89620 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER NOEL GALLO

ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN CELEBRATION OF CESAR ESTRADA CHAVEZ DAY AND HONORING HIS LEGACY AS A CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST AND CO-FOUNDER OF THE UNITED FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, Cesar Estrada Chavez was born March 31, 1927, on a small farm near Yuma, Arizona, and was raised by migrant farm workers who lost their homestead due to foreclosure in the 1930s; and

WHEREAS, Cesar Estrada Chavez left school after the eighth grade to labor in the fields and vineyards to help support his family, experiencing years of discrimination and unfair working conditions; and

WHEREAS, in 1952, Cesar Estrada Chavez became a grassroots organizer for the Community Service Organization, a Latino civil rights group that organized Chicanos to vote and battled racial and economic discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Cesar Estrada Chavez and Dolores Huerta, co-founded the National Farm Workers Association and traveled around the San Joaquin and Imperial Valleys to recruit union members; and

WHEREAS, Cesar Estrada Chavez and Dolores Huerta believed in the principles of nonviolence practiced by Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and used nonviolent civil disobedience to bring attention to the plight of farm workers, and, as labor leaders, led marches, called for boycotts, went on several hunger strikes and brought national awareness to the dangers of pesticides to workers' health; and

WHEREAS, Cesar Estrada Chavez's efforts for equality and justice resulted in health benefits for farm workers and their families and the first union contracts requiring rest periods, clean drinking water, hand washing stations, and protective clothing against pesticide exposure; and

WHEREAS, every March 31st we celebrate Cesar Chavez Day and commend the legacy he leaves behind as an American civil rights activist who advocated for immigration reform, the hiring of undocumented workers, gay rights, livable wages, and equal access to healthcare; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland recognizes and celebrates Cesar Estrada Chavez Day and honors the social impacts of his activism.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

MAR 21 2023

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, ~~KAPLAN~~ KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS - 7

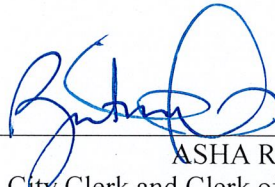
NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

Excused - Kalb

ATTEST:



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City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California