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City Attorney's Office

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER NOEL GALLO

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**ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN CELEBRATION OF THE LEGACY OF  
CESAR CHAVEZ BY RECOGNIZING VOLUNTEERISM AND GIVING  
BACK TO OAKLAND THROUGH LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY  
SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, Cesar Chavez was an American farm worker, labor leader and civil rights activist, who, with Dolores Huerta, co-founded the National Farm Workers Association; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the influence of Cesar Chavez extends far beyond agriculture and provides inspirations for individuals working to better human rights, empower workers, and advance the American Dream, which is for all people of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the legacy of Cesar Chavez lives on through the leadership and activism of Oaklanders who today continue to practice Cesar Chavez' efforts and core values of Service to Others, Sacrifice, A Preference to Help the Most Needy, Determination, Non-Violence, Acceptance of all People, Respect for Life, Celebrating Community, Knowledge and Innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland City Council Members are nominating community leaders that represent the legacy of Cesar Chavez through their leadership and community service to the City of Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, District 1 is honoring **La Clínica de La Raza**, Inc. (La Clínica), which started as a storefront free health clinic in East Oakland in 1971 by a group of concerned students, health professionals and community activists and has grown into one of the largest community health center networks in California with 35 service sites across Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano counties. La Clínica serves approximately

90,000 patients annually with pediatrics, family medicine, women's health care, behavioral health, dental, vision, and health and nutrition education services – regardless of patients' ability to pay or insurance coverage. La Clínica operates several health centers in Oakland including two in North Oakland including TechniClinic—a school-based, teen-centered health center that serves students and recent graduates from Oakland Technical High School and nearby Oakland International High School with special emphasis on serving at-risk youth lacking access to services, and the newly expanded La Clínica Children's Dental Clinic on Telegraph Avenue, in Partnership with UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, which is the only children's dental clinic in the country connected to a Children's Hospital Level 1 Trauma Center; and

**WHEREAS**, District 2 is honoring **Mujeres Unidas Y Activas (MUA)**, as a membership-based Latina immigrant community organization that impacts the lives of thousands of immigrant women throughout the Bay Area each year, through MUA's leadership development and direct service programs which are offered and implemented by Latina immigrant members, and recognizing MUA's mission of promoting personal transformation while building community power for social and economic justice. MUA's staff and members have ensured that immigrant women have access to prenatal care in California, improved access to translation services in Alameda County hospitals and clinics, spearheaded efforts to successfully pass and implement the California Domestic Worker Bill of Rights through extensive community outreach and education efforts, and build national and international movements for domestic worker dignity. MUA has been at the forefront of the movements to end family separations, ensure legal representation for immigrant families facing deportation, demand the right to asylum, and build a pathway to citizenship for all immigrants. MUA is recognized in the city of Oakland as a national model for Latina immigrant empowerment and organizing in a sustainable, grassroots, membership-led organization; and

**WHEREAS**, District 4 is honoring **René Quiñonez**, owner of Movement Ink, a family run silk screening company in the Laurel District, that utilizes fashion apparel to spread positive messages of culture, resistance, and love through original designs and custom printing. **René Quiñonez** has dedicated his life to fostering and building a better community by providing space to incubate many independent small businesses to learn, grow, and launch successfully. **René Quiñonez** represents the key values of Cesar Chavez and has made a tremendous impact in the community through organizing, violence prevention, and youth advocacy; and

**WHEREAS**, District 5 is honoring **Chris Iglesias**. Chris is a visionary leader who has dedicated his career to executing a social equity agenda through innovative and strategic public-private partnerships. **Chris Iglesias** commitment to low-income and immigrant families in Oakland is extraordinary. His everyday work reflects the values of the organization and brings The Unity Council closer to fulfilling its vision for a joyful, united, and engaged community where people have the power to shape their lives. His leadership inspires The Unity Council's dedicated staff to continue the fight against poverty and displacement to preserve the rich culture and diversity of the Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, District 6 is honoring **Nidya Obed Baez Arredondo** who is the Assistant Principal at Fremont High School. Nidya is a Oakland Native and co-founded the Oakland Latino Educators (OLE) in 2014 and the Fremont High School Alumni Scholarship in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, District At- Large honoring **Mr. Gary Jimenez** who is the Vice President of Politics at SEIU Local 1021 and a custodian at Fremont Unified School District, and has been a labor and community leader in Oakland for over two decades. Council President Kaplan would like to recognize Mr. Jimenez as a person who embodies Cesar Chavez' core value of service to others with a long and proven track record of working with and listening to all communities and for advocating for those whose voices are so often unheard; and

**WHEREAS**, The Office of the Mayor is honoring **Gema Quetzal Cardenas**, an Oakland student leader, was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to represent California's 6.2 million students as the sole student representative on the state Board of Education for the 2018-19 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland continues the efforts of Cesar Chavez to ensure equality, justice, and dignity for all the people; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City of Oakland recognizes Cesar Chavez as a great hero of the United States and pledges to promote the legacy of Cesar Chavez; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council, hereby, recognizes, commends and honors these individuals for their exemplary volunteerism and leadership to the City of Oakland and pledges to promote the legacy of Cesar Chavez.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND  
PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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