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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 87973 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER NOEL GALLO

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CESAR CHAVEZ HISTORIC PARK

WHEREAS, in 2008, Congress passed, with strong bipartisan support, the Cesar Estrada Chavez Study Act to identify sites significant to the life of Cesar Chavez and the farm labor movement and to consider them for inclusion into the National Park System; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the National Park Service completed the Cesar Chavez Special Resource Study and, after evaluating over 100 sites, recommended the establishment of a Cesar Chavez National Historical Park, to contain five sites in California and Arizona; and

WHEREAS, these sites include the Forty Acres and Filipino Community Hall sites in Delano, Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz in Keene, McDonnell Hall in San Jose, and the Santa Rita Center in Phoenix, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service recommended the continued study of other sites that tell the Chavez and farm worker story, including the 1966 Delano to Sacramento farmworker march route, for potential inclusion in a national historical park; and

WHEREAS, these sites are nationally significant for their connection to Cesar Chavez and the farm labor movement and illustrate an important part of American history; and

WHEREAS, very few National Park System units recognize and honor the contributions of Latinos and the establishment of a Cesar Chavez National Historical Park would help create more inclusive and equitable outdoor spaces; and

WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez began his organizing career in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland recognizes the importance of Cesar Chavez's legacy and impact within the City of Oakland and throughout the state and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland supports efforts to provide education and interpretation materials related to Cesar Chavez and the farm labor movement for future generations, as well as efforts to diversify our National Park System; and

WHEREAS, a Cesar Chavez National Historical Park would tell the compelling story of Cesar Chavez and the farm worker movement to millions of Americans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland supports efforts to establish the Cesar Chavez National Historical Park to diversify the National Park System and recognize the contributions of the Latino leaders; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland urges Congress to pass legislation establishing the Cesar Chavez National Historical Park.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

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PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND

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LATONDA SIMMONS

City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the

City of Oakland, California

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