

Resolution

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-23-26

Recognizing

César Chávez Day of Service and Learning

March 31, 2023

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 984 was signed into law on August 18, 2000, creating **César Chávez Day of Service and Learning** where California schools engage students to learn about the life of **César Chávez** and observe March 31 as a day to *Educate, Celebrate, and Serve* the legacy of one of America's great heroes; and

WHEREAS, born on March 31, 1927 and raised on farms, **Cesar Chavez** became a prominent Latino labor leader and civil rights activist who served as a voice and community organizer for California migrant workers; and

WHEREAS, experiencing the hardships and injustices of farmworker life firsthand after quitting school to help support his family, **Cesar Chavez** understood the value of education as a path to a better life and became self-educated through his passion for reading; and

WHEREAS, through countless strikes, boycotts, marches, and fasts that produced many victories and some defeats, **César Chávez** sought peaceful battles on behalf of the farmworkers and pursued his mission of nonviolence, social justice, and selfless service to others; and


WHEREAS, since **César Chávez's** passing, the César Chávez Foundation and United Farm Workers have continued his work organizing campaigns to enact laws and regulations to bring dignity and protections to farmworkers and improve the lives of hundreds of thousands of low-wage working families; and

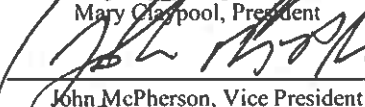
WHEREAS, **César Chávez** said: "We need to help students and parents cherish and preserve the ethnic and cultural diversity that nourishes and strengthens this community - and this nation;" and

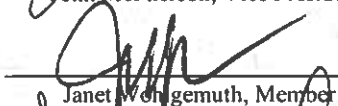
WHEREAS, the Monterey County Office of Education continues to engage community leaders in its All In For Equity series of events that focuses on building inclusive communities and helping individuals understand equity, celebrate diversity, and build collective teams that are committed to providing opportunities for every student to perform at their highest levels of achievement:

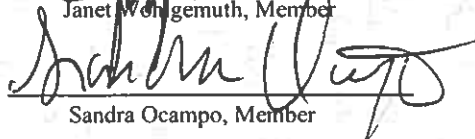
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Education does hereby adopt Resolution Number 22-23-26 to recognize **César Chávez Day of Service and Learning** and honor **César Chávez** for his significant contributions transforming and uplifting the lives of Latinos and working families.

**Passed and Adopted on the
Eleventh Day of January, 2023**


Mary Claspool, President

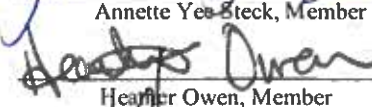

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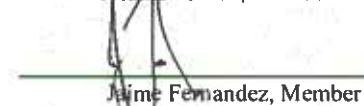

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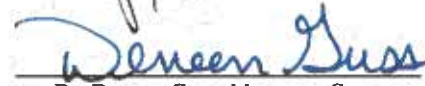

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