

Resolution No. 2017-

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING AND HONORING CESAR CHAVEZ

WHEREAS, Cesar Estrada Chavez is one of the most significant civil rights leaders in the history of our nation, and on this day we recognize and honor his life and mission of nonviolence, social justice and selfless service to others; and

WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez was born on March 31, 1927 in Yuma, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, after years of experiencing the hardships, injustice, struggle and self-sacrifice that farmworkers go through to feed all the families in our state, Chavez began the National Farm Workers Association, later to become the United Farm Workers (UFW); and

WHEREAS, in 1965, Chavez organized a major strike against grape growers in California, followed a year later by an unprecedented 340-mile march from Delano to Sacramento to emphasize the farmworkers' plight; and

WHEREAS, the first collective bargaining agreement on behalf of farm workers thru to UFW and growers, and continued contracts have include rest periods, clean water, bans against pesticide straying, enforcement of heat regulations, job security, and health benefits and pension plans; and

WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez never stopped his peaceful battles on behalf of the farmworkers, earning him the respect of some of our greatest leaders, including Martin Luther King, Jr., Robert Kennedy and Jesse Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of Cesar Chavez's leadership and organizing efforts on behalf of farm worker's rights continue, including the recent victory for farm worker overtime pay, and campaigns around fair immigration policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes and honors the memory of Cesar Chavez.

Dated this 28th day of March, 2017

JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk