Joint Resolution No. 20-14
San Mateo County Board of Education
and
San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools
State of California

In Recognition of March 31, 2020, as César Chávez Day of Service and Learning

Whereas, César Estrada Chávez was born in Yuma, Arizona on March 31, 1927; and

Whereas, César Chávez was a leader for civil rights, farm workers, labor, and the Latinx community; a community servant and social entrepreneur; a crusader for nonviolent social change; an environmentalist and consumer advocate; and, in the words of Robert F. Kennedy, “one of the heroic figures of our time,” and

Whereas, César Chávez, after attending more than 30 elementary and middle schools, left school in eighth grade and became a full-time farm worker to help support his family; and

Whereas, César Chávez joined the Community Service Organization, a prominent Latinx civil rights group, in 1952, where he coordinated voter registration drives and campaigned against discrimination in East Los Angeles; and

Whereas, César Chávez’s dream was to create an organization to protect and serve farm workers, whose poverty and disenfranchisement he had shared, and he led, alongside his lifetime collaborator, social justice advocate Dolores Huerta, the first successful farm worker’s union in American history, achieving dignity, respect, fair wages, medical coverage, pension benefits, and humane living conditions, as well as countless other rights and protections, for hundreds of thousands of farm workers; and

Whereas, in 1966 César Chávez’s organization became the United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO, which shares, in common with all organized labor, the goals of dignity, respect, fair wages, medical coverage, and pension protections for old age; and

Whereas, the life of César Chávez transcends any one cause or struggle because he was a unique and humble labor leader, and a great humanitarian and communicator who influences and inspires millions of Americans from diverse walks of life to seek social justice and civil rights for the poor and disenfranchised in our society; and

Whereas, in 2000, the California Legislature enacted Senate Bill 984, establishing César Chávez Day in California to promote service and volunteerism;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, in recognition of César Chávez’s service, contributions, and accomplishments, the San Mateo County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools hereby observe March 31, 2020, as César Chávez Day of Service and Learning and encourage public schools throughout San Mateo County to conduct appropriate activities in observation thereof.

SAN MATEO COUNTY
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Passed and Adopted on this
Fourth Day of March 2020

SAN MATEO COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

President