[Urging the Mayor to Officially Declare March 31 "César Chávez Day" as an Observed Holiday]

Resolution urging the Mayor to officially designate March 31 or the Monday thereafter "César Chávez Day" as a holiday in the City and County of San Francisco in honor of the legacy of César Chávez and the Farmworker Movement community, in alignment with the Statewide holiday and the San Francisco Unified School District, which already observe the holiday.

WHEREAS, César Chávez was a tireless advocate for the rights of farmworkers and a champion of social justice; and

WHEREAS, Alongside Dolores Huerta, he founded the United Farm Workers, and through decades of tireless organizing, in the face of intractable opposition, he grew a movement to advance "La Causa" across the country; and

WHEREAS, César Chávez dedicated his life to the fight for fair wages, humane working conditions, and dignity for agricultural workers, contributing significantly to the advancement of labor rights in the United States; and

WHEREAS, César Chávez's legacy continues to inspire individuals and communities across the nation to work towards equality, justice, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, President Barack Obama proclaimed March 31 as César Chávez Day; and

WHEREAS, César Chávez Day is celebrated annually on March 31 in several states across the country as a day of remembrance, reflection, and service in honor of his contributions to American society; and

WHEREAS, In California, where the holiday has been observed since 1995, state offices and schools are closed on March 31 because of the holiday; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco Unified School District already observes the holiday, closing all schools on March 31 or the Monday thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Designating César Chávez Day as a paid holiday in the City and County of San Francisco would provide an opportunity for all residents of our city to recognize and celebrate the enduring impact of his work, as well as to reflect on the ongoing struggles for social and economic justice; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing César Chávez Day as a paid holiday would demonstrate our city's commitment to honoring the contributions of the Latino community, labor leaders and civil rights activists, promoting inclusivity, and fostering a culture of respect for all workers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby urges the Mayor to declare "César Chávez Day" as a paid holiday for all city employees, effective March 31 of each year or the Monday thereafter, in recognition of the significant contributions of César Chávez to the labor movement and the advancement of social justice; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor and the appropriate departments to take all necessary actions to implement this Resolution, including but not limited to, adjusting payroll schedules, updating employee handbooks, and promoting awareness of the significance of César Chávez Day among city residents.



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April 23, 2024 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai,

Stefani and Walton Excused: 1 - Melgar

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/23/2024 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned	05/03/2024
London N. Breed Mayor	Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo Date