

PROCLAMATION

Cesar E. Chavez Day

WHEREAS, Cesar Estrada Chavez was born on March 31, 1927, and raised by farmworkers who lost their home and livelihood during the Great Depression. He toiled alongside men, women, and children who performed daily backbreaking labor for meager pay and in deplorable conditions, and who were denied the most basic protections, including minimum wages, health care, and access to drinking water; and

WHEREAS, having witnessed such conditions, Cesar Chavez resolved himself to bettering the plight of the farmworker, thus encouraging the organization of the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA) in 1962, later known as the United Farm Workers of America, wholeheartedly championing the cause of the farmworker, organizing multiple hunger strikes, marches, and non-violent resistance; and

WHEREAS, because of his extraordinary accomplishments, on August 8, 1994, Cesar Chavez posthumously became the second Mexican American to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in the United States, and was honored by the State of California by the declaration of Cesar Chavez Day on the date of his birth; and

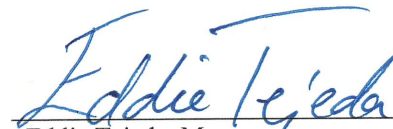
WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez has left a legacy as an educator, environmentalist, and a civil rights leader, reminding us that every job has dignity, every life has value, and that everyone, no matter who they are, what they look like, or where they come from should have the chance to flourish; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redlands has historically benefited as a community from the rich diversity of agricultural laborers who would become an integral part of its social and economic fabric, continuing its farming tradition, many members of which are still actively involved with the agricultural community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Redlands does hereby proclaim March 31, 2023, as ***Cesar E. Chavez Day*** in the City of Redlands and encourages all residents to promote service to the community in honor of Cesar E. Chavez's life and work.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto affix our signatures and Official Seal of the City of Redlands on this 21st day of March 2023.




Eddie Tejada, Mayor


Mario Saucedo, Councilmember

Attest:


Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk