

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

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The County of Los Angeles will honor the life and work of Cesar E. Chavez through its 10th Annual Cesar E. Chavez Community Service Week from Monday, March 28 to Friday, April 1, 2011, which will continue our tradition of volunteer service. Chavez was a true American hero who dedicated his life to serving others. The anniversary of his birth is Tuesday, March 31st.

This year's theme is "**A Decade and Beyond.**" The observance consists of the annual weekday volunteer opportunities for County employees and a two-week food drive, conducted in partnership with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank. Rather than taking one day off, County employees voluntarily spend one half-day helping with community enhancement projects and clean-up programs at animal shelters, public libraries, park and recreation facilities, and the annual beach clean-up at Dockweiler Beach in Playa del Rey.

The related food drive will take place from Monday, March 21 to Friday, April 1, 2011. Last year, employees donated nearly 17,000 pounds of food items and products.

County Departments will tailor existing education, cultural programs and activities to the "**A Decade and Beyond**" theme of Cesar E. Chavez Community Service week and promote the

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special activities to employees.

In addition, the Public Library maintains a Cesar E. Chavez curriculum on its website that is accessible to schools and other interested individuals. The curriculum is used for various activities, including art and essay contests that are conducted within Probation Department camps, juvenile halls, as well as within schools operated by the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

I, therefore, move that the Board of Supervisors take the following actions:

Proclaim Monday, March 28 through Friday, April 1, 2011, as “Cesar E. Chavez Community Service Week” throughout the County with the theme “**A Decade and Beyond;**” and

1. Request that the Chief Executive Office, Office of Workplace Programs work with County Departments, including the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors and the Internal Services Department, to coordinate activities in support of Cesar E. Chavez Community Service Week, including the annual food drive; and
2. Request that the Chief Executive Office establish a list of volunteer opportunities for County employees and post the volunteer opportunities on the County Intranet and distribute to all County Departments; and
3. Encourage all County Department Heads and Districts to promote awareness of Cesar E. Chavez Community Service Week, the numerous volunteer opportunities available, and the annual food drive, using Department newsletters, bulletin boards and other forms of communication.