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Proclaiming March 31, 2025 as César E. Chávez Day

On March 27, 2017, the County of Los Angeles joined the federal government in celebrating César E. Chávez Day by [establishing](#) a holiday to commemorate the birthday and legacy of civil rights and labor movement leader César E. Chávez. César E. Chávez was born on March 31, 1927 and spent much of his youth as a migrant farm worker with his family. His life in the field provided him with firsthand experience of the mistreatment, low wages, and deplorable working conditions migrant farm workers were subjected to. César E. Chávez was committed to making a change for the better, and become a labor organizer in the 1950s. He formed the National Farm Workers Association in 1962, which later joined forces with the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee to form the National United Farm Workers. All through his life, César E. Chávez was at the forefront of leading marches, hunger strikes, and boycotts to bring attention to the plight of the migrant workers.

César E. Chávez led change and brought national focus to improve farm workers' rights, and ensure health coverage, fair wages, and benefits for farm workers. President Bill Clinton recognized César E. Chávez's contributions with the posthumous Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1994. In 2004, the State of California established an

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official holiday for César Chávez, and President Barack Obama later declared César E. Chávez Day a federal commemorative holiday in 2014. The County of Los Angeles was proud to follow suit in 2017.

César E. Chávez's efforts changed the lives of countless farm workers and their families. On this holiday, join us in reflecting upon César E. Chávez's legacy and by actively engaging in service to our communities in honor of his memory.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Proclaim March 31, 2025, as César E. Chávez Day throughout Los Angeles County;
- 2) Encourage communities across Los Angeles County to celebrate César E. Chávez Day by engaging in volunteering efforts as well as events commemorating the legacy of César E. Chávez.

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