

**Yolo County  
Board of Supervisors**

**Resolution No. 25-25**

***Declaring March 31, 2025, as Cesar Estrada Chavez Day***

**WHEREAS**, Cesar Estrada Chavez was born on March 31, 1927, in Yuma, Arizona, and his early life experiences as a migrant farmworker shaped his dedication to social justice and labor rights; and

**WHEREAS**, at the age of ten, Cesar Chavez and his family moved to California, joining countless migrant workers who labored in the fields to support the state's rich agricultural industry, an industry that continues to be the backbone of Yolo County's economy today; and

**WHEREAS**, despite limited formal education, Cesar Chavez's firsthand experience of the challenges faced by farmworkers instilled in him a deep resolve to improve their working conditions, wages, and rights through collective action and advocacy; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the need for dedicated efforts on behalf of farmworkers, Cesar Chavez left the Community Service Organization (CSO) and, in 1962, co-founded the National Farm Workers Association, later known as the United Farm Workers of America (UFW) AFL-CIO, advocating tirelessly for the rights of agricultural laborers; and

**WHEREAS**, through his leadership, Cesar Chavez championed nonviolent resistance, including boycotts, strikes, and marches, to bring national attention to the struggles of farmworkers and secure fundamental labor protections that continue to benefit agricultural communities, including those in Yolo County; and

**WHEREAS**, Cesar Chavez's advocacy extended beyond labor rights to issues of environmental justice and consumer safety, particularly regarding the use of pesticides on food products; and

**WHEREAS**, Yolo County remains committed to supporting its agricultural workers through initiatives such as the creation of the agricultural labor coordinator position, farmworker housing ad hoc, and targeted programs addressing the needs of farmworkers, particularly in times of crisis such as the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 18, 2000, the State of California formally recognized March 31 as Cesar Chavez Day, a state holiday and a day of service and learning dedicated to honoring his legacy and continuing his mission of justice and equality.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim and recognize March 31, 2025, as Cesar Estrada Chavez Day in Yolo County and encourages all residents, businesses, and organizations to reflect on his legacy, honor the contributions of farmworkers, and engage in service and educational activities that promote social justice and community solidarity.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 25th day of March 2025 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Allen, Barajas, Villegas, Frerichs, Vixie Sandy.

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Mary Vixie Sandy, Chair  
Yolo County Board of Supervisors