

WOODLAND JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



Resolution 37-16 CESAR ESTRADA CHAVEZ DAY – MARCH 31, 2016

WHEREAS, Cesar Estrada Chavez was born March 31, 1927 in Yuma, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, when severe drought forced the loss of the Chavez ranch, the family moved to California to pick crops when Cesar was ten years old; and

WHEREAS, although Cesar Estrada Chavez grew to manhood laboring in farms and fields without the opportunity to continue his formal education past eighth grade, the invaluable lessons he learned through the adversities he faced instilled in him a desire to change the harsh conditions that his family and fellow migrant workers endured; and

WHEREAS, at age twenty-five, Cesar Estrada Chavez joined the Community Service Organization (CSO), a Latino civil rights group that he would later head as its national director, and feeling that more concerted efforts were needed on behalf of farm workers, he left CSO and founded the National Farm Workers Association in 1962 which would eventually become the United Farm Workers of America (UFW) AFL-CIO; and

WHEREAS, Cesar Estrada Chavez led his organization through non-violence and with humility, hope and determination in the face of daily injustice and hardship; and

WHEREAS, Cesar Estrada Chavez was concerned not only about farm workers, but also gave national voice to environmental protection and consumers in the use of pesticides on food products; and

WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez remains a significant role model in our country that the positive force of one person can make an immeasurable difference in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2000, the State of California did recognize the birthday of Cesar E. Chavez as a holiday for state workers and established the "Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning" to be celebrated throughout California communities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Woodland Joint Unified School District recognizes March 31, 2016 as the birthday of farm labor leader Cesar Estrada Chavez and encourages all District staff and students to remember the importance of agricultural workers in our local economy.

IN WITNESS THERETO, the Woodland Joint Unified School District does hereby adopt this resolution this 24th day of March 2016, by the following Board of Trustees' vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENCES:

ABSTENTIONS:

BOARD SECRETARY

BOARD PRESIDENT