

*Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the  
County of Monterey, State of California*

**Resolution No.:**

Adopt Resolution proclaiming March 31<sup>st</sup> as **Farmworkers Appreciation Day** )  
in Monterey County and honoring **César Chávez Day**..... )

**WHEREAS**, Monterey County’s agricultural sector is among the most productive in the world. The total economic impacts of the agricultural production in Monterey is estimated at over \$8.1 billion when allied businesses, employee paychecks, and value-added processing are tallied; and,

**WHEREAS**, Monterey County’s agricultural production helps feed the nation and the rest of the world: 61% of leaf lettuce, 57% of celery, 56% of head lettuce, 48% of broccoli, 38% of spinach, 30% of cauliflower, 28% of strawberries, and 3.6% of wine grapes; and,

**WHEREAS**, The inexhaustible efforts of millions of hardworking and dedicated farmworkers have contributed greatly to the success of the agricultural industry and to Monterey County being known as the Salad Bowl of the World; and,

**WHEREAS**, Farmworkers in Monterey County contribute significantly to our agricultural accomplishments by toiling in fields through harsh and extreme weather conditions and growing, harvesting, and preparing goods for markets and destinations in the United States and abroad; and,

**WHEREAS**, The fruits and vegetables that we enjoy in our daily lives are produced by farmworkers who often endure long hours of backbreaking and arduous work; and,

**WHEREAS**, Farmworkers still dream of providing a better life for their children, but the reality of many having to move from crop to crop, a lack of documented immigration status and other barriers makes this dream hard to achieve; and,

**WHEREAS**, In 2000, the Legislature passed and Governor Gray Davis signed into law Senate Bill 984 to create the first annual state holiday in the country on César Chávez’s birthday, March 31. Under current law, the State Board of Education also created a statewide curriculum on Chávez and encourages schools across the state to engage teachers and students in service learning projects as a way of honoring the legendary farm labor and civil rights leader; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, on behalf of all citizens thereof, declares March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 as Farmworkers Appreciation Day in Monterey County and hereby recognizes the hard work and self-sacrifice that farmworkers go through to feed all the families in Monterey County and the rest of our nation. Our county expresses thanks to our farmworkers and farmers for providing a bounty to our nation and entire world.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, hereby honors César Chávez’s birthday, March 31, and encourages our county residents and youth to learn from César Chávez’s life and his mission of nonviolence, social justice, and selfless service to others.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, by the following vote, to wit:

**AYES:**  
**NOES:**  
**ABSENT:**

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_ for the meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy