

Board Meeting – February 21, 2023

Item. VI. Consent Calendar Recommendations

D. Adoption of Board Resolution 28: to Recognize Cesar Chavez Day, March 31, 2023

The Superintendent recommends that the County Board adopt Board Resolution No. 28 as part of the regular County Board meeting on February 21, 2023; and further recommends that the Board recognize the contributions and accomplishments of Cesar Chavez and encourages districts and schools to conduct appropriate school activities in observance of his birthday on March 31st.

Board Resolution No. 28 is shown on the following page.

NEXT STEPS:

- Send out LACOE Communication to the 80 districts to encourage districts, schools and community organizations to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities.
- Invite school districts to participate in professional development opportunities and access materials to build content knowledge of the subject and acquire instructional strategies to teach the topic effectively in classrooms.

- Provide support to districts to implement ethnic studies with intentionality of including the history and contributions of the group identified.

BOARD RESOLUTION

No. 28: 2022-2023

Cesar Chavez Day, March 31, 2023

WHEREAS Cesar Chavez was a visionary leader who led the first successful farmworkers' union in American history. He moved farmworkers to stand together for their rights and led our nation toward a fuller recognition of the dignity of work; and

WHEREAS Cesar Chavez's organization, the United Farm Workers, fought for dignity, respect, humane living conditions, fair wages and other rights and protections for farmworkers; and

WHEREAS he was also a great humanitarian who influenced and inspired millions of Americans from all walks of life to seek social justice and civil rights for the poor and disenfranchised; and

WHEREAS Cesar Chavez said, "Real education should consist of drawing the goodness and the best out of our own students. What better book can there be than the book of humanity;" and

WHEREAS on March 31 we celebrate the birthday of Cesar Chavez and honor his contributions to workers' rights and social justice, as well as his selfless service to others; and

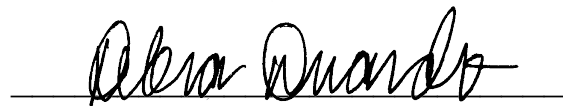
WHEREAS in 1994, Chavez was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor. In 2014, President Obama declared March 31st as Cesar Chavez Day; and

WHEREAS in continued efforts to honor the life and legacy of Cesar Chavez and to promote social justice and equity that he championed, LACOE remains dedicated to empowering schools in Los Angeles County to support immigrant and refugee students and their families through our Immigrant Relations Office; Multilingual Academic Support Unit and Migrant Education Program. In doing so, LACOE ensures that the dignity and humanity of all students are safeguarded regardless of where they or their parents were born; and

WHEREAS the Los Angeles County Office of Education recognizes the contributions and accomplishments of Cesar Chavez and encourages districts and schools to conduct appropriate school activities in observance of his birthday on March 31st:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Board of Education proclaims March 31, 2023 as Cesar Chavez Day.

ADOPTED this 21st day of February 2023, by the Los Angeles County Board of Education in Downey, California.



Debra Duardo, M.S.W., Ed.D.
Superintendent



James Cross
Board President