

Board Meeting – March 21, 2023

Item. VI. Consent Calendar Recommendations

B. Adoption of Board Resolution 37: Recognizing Dolores Huerta Day on April 10, 2023

The Superintendent recommends that the County Board adopt Board Resolution No. 37 as part of the regular County Board meeting on March 21, 2023; and further encourages communities to celebrate this day to honor Huerta's lifelong commitment to equity and justice for all.

Board Resolution No. 37 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 month and day with appropriate programs and activities that include:
 - Resources posted to the LACOE History-Social Science webpage
 - Cesar Chavez Foundation website
 - Cesar Chavez Model Curriculum published by the California Department of Education
- Keynote presentation by Dolores Huerta at the Ethnic Studies Three-Day Fall Institute, on September 8, 2022. Recording can be found on the LACOE History-Social Science webpage
- "¡Si Se Puede!" Celebrating Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta lesson plans and resources from the California Chief Justice's *Judges in the Classroom Program*

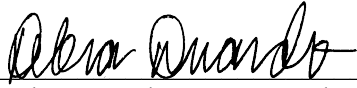
BOARD RESOLUTION
NO. 37: 2022-2023

Dolores Huerta Day 2023 (April 10, 2023)

- WHEREAS,** Dolores Clara Huerta, born on April 10, 1930, was taught by her family the importance of giving back to her community and giving a voice to the voiceless; and
- WHEREAS,** she is a tireless advocate for the working people of California. Her lifelong pursuit of justice was sparked in the Central Valley when, teaching the children of farmworkers, she often saw her students come to school with empty stomachs and bare feet; and
- WHEREAS,** she began her advocacy work by serving as a leader of the Community Service Organization in Stockton and forming the Agricultural Workers Association, where she worked to increase voter registration in her community and advocated for neighborhood improvements; and
- WHEREAS,** through this work, she joined forces with César Chávez to advocate for better conditions for farmworkers and their families. Together with Larry Itliong, Philip Vera Cruz, Pete Velasco and Andy Imutan, they formed the United Farm Workers; and
- WHEREAS,** Huerta was instrumental in the nationwide boycott of grapes that led to the first farmworkers union contracts. Her fierce advocacy also helped secure the California Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975, a first-in-the-nation law that extended collective bargaining rights to farmworkers; and
- WHEREAS,** Huerta became the first Latina inducted into the National Women’s Hall of Fame in 1993 and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the United States, in 2016; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2018, Governor Jerry Brown signed AB 2644 designating April 10 as Dolores Huerta Day, making the civil rights leader and community organizer the first living person to hold this honor; and
- WHEREAS,** she continues to be a powerful force for social justice and empowerment for all. Through her leadership of the Dolores Huerta Foundation, she continues to build upon her legacy of civic engagement by training the next generation of community organizers and advocating for the working poor, women and children; and
- WHEREAS,** to promote social justice and equity that Huerta has championed, LACOE remains dedicated to providing resources and support for newcomers through our Multilingual Academic Support unit and Migrant Education program; LACOE also continues to support safe schools, promote inclusive classrooms for all students and ensure schools have resources to support immigrant and refugee students and their families through our Immigrant Relations program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Los Angeles County Board of Education declares April 10, 2023 as Dolores Huerta Day and encourages communities to celebrate this day to honor Huerta's lifelong commitment to equity and justice for all.

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



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



James Cross
Board President