



PROCLAIMING MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup> 2024  
CESAR CHAVEZ DAY

WHEREAS, CESAR CHAVEZ WAS ONE OF THE 20TH CENTURY'S MOST INFLUENTIAL CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS WHO FOUGHT TIRELESSLY FOR FARMWORKERS' RIGHTS, INCLUDING IN HIS ROLE AS CO-FOUNDER OF THE UNITED FARM WORKERS OF AMERICA, DEVOTING MORE THAN THREE DECADES TO PROMOTING BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS, FAIR WAGES, DIGNITY, RESPECT, SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN THE LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR OUR COUNTRY'S FARMWORKERS; AND

WHEREAS, CESAR CHAVEZ HAD STRONG CONNECTIONS TO VENTURA COUNTY, INCLUDING LIVING AND ORGANIZING IN OXNARD, WAS POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM AND RECOGNIZED WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CESAR CHAVEZ DAY, HONORED BY THE VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN 2000, AND VARIOUS PLACES AND LANDMARKS HAVE BEEN NAMED AFTER HIM SUCH AS THE CESAR CHAVEZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CESAR CHAVEZ DRIVE, AND A HISTORIC DESIGNATION FOR HIS CHILDHOOD HOME; AND

WHEREAS, VENTURA COUNTY BENEFITS FROM HAVING MANY EXCEPTIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT BENEFIT THE FARMWORKER COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING HEALTH RESOURCES, LABOR RIGHTS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ADVOCACY, CULTURAL SUPPORT; AND

WHEREAS, IN 2016, THE COUNTY OF VENTURA LAUNCHED THE FARMWORKER RESOURCE PROGRAM UNDER THE COUNTY'S HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY. THE PROGRAM FOCUSES ON BUILDING TRUST WITH THE ALMOST 40,000 FARMWORKERS IN VENTURA COUNTY, PROMOTING AND ENHANCING THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY, ADVISING FARMWORKERS OF LABOR LAWS, AND ASSISTING THEM IN RESOLVING WORKPLACE ISSUES; AND

WHEREAS, THIS YEAR WE HONOR THE VENTURA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM. THE MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO SUPPORT HIGH QUALITY AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR MIGRANT CHILDREN TO HELP REDUCE THE EDUCATIONAL DISRUPTION AND OTHER ISSUES THAT RESULT FROM REPEATED MOVES.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RECOGNIZES CESAR CHAVEZ DAY AND TAKES GREAT PLEASURE IN HONORING THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS OF THOSE DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING THE FARMWORKER COMMUNITY IN VENTURA COUNTY.

PRESENTED ON THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2024

*Kelly Long*

CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
KELLY LONG, SUPERVISOR 3RD DISTRICT

*Matt LaVerre*

MATT LAVERRE, SUPERVISOR 1ST DISTRICT

*Jeff Gorell*

JEFF GORELL, SUPERVISOR 2ND DISTRICT

*Janice S. Parvin*

JANICE S. PARVIN, SUPERVISOR 4TH DISTRICT

*Vianey Lopez*

VIANEY LOPEZ, SUPERVISOR 5TH DISTRICT