



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, César Estrada Chávez was born in 1927 near Yuma, Arizona, later moving to California with his family where they worked as migrant farm laborers; and

WHEREAS, before the rise of the United Farm Workers of America (UFW), which was founded by César Chávez, working conditions for agricultural laborers were often harsh and abusive, failing to provide even the most basic necessities such as clean drinking water or safe working conditions; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, César Chávez, along with many other dedicated laborers, formed what would become the UFW, which worked to advocate on behalf of exploited and impoverished farm workers, and which secured historic labor and civil rights victories for farm workers and their families; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 50th anniversary of the historic 1966 march from Delano to Sacramento, which César Chávez led in order to raise national awareness and recognition for the dignity and worth of every farm worker and agricultural laborer; and

WHEREAS, after leading a life devoted to promoting civil rights and social justice, César Estrada Chávez passed away peacefully on April 23, 1993, leaving a lasting and inspiring legacy as a champion of equality and an advocate for the poor, the persecuted, and the oppressed; and

WHEREAS, César Estrada Chávez was posthumously honored in 1994 with the Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, exemplifying the profound impact his life and legacy have had and the role he played as an inspirational figure to countless Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2016, as

CÉSAR ESTRADA CHÁVEZ DAY IN NEVADA



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 31st day of March, 2016.

By the Governor:

Governor

Barbara K. Cegavske
Secretary of State

By

Wayne Threlby

Deputy