



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**Whereas;** César Estrada Chávez was born in 1927 near Yuma Arizona and moved to California with his family to work as migrant farm workers after loosing their farm during a dishonest loan transaction; and

**Whereas;** before the rise of the UFW, working conditions were harsh for most agricultural workers, who were not provided even the most basic necessities such as clean drinking water or portable toilets; many lived in shacks without indoor plumbing or cooking facilities; and

**Whereas;** in 1962, César Chávez, along with many dedicated farm workers, formed what was to become the United Farm Workers of America, securing historic labor and civil rights concessions for exploited and impoverished farm workers; and

**Whereas;** Chávez and the union marched 340 miles in 1966 from Delano to Sacramento focusing national attention and recognition for the importance and dignity of all farm workers, and by 1970 Chávez—joined by Dolores Huerta—organized the historic grape boycott resulting in union contracts with most of the grape grower industry; and

**Whereas;** César E. Chávez believed in social justice through non-violence, using the picket line and the power of the boycott as well as sacrificing his own life during 3 historic fasts in 1968 for 25 days, in 1972 for 24 days, and again in 1988 for 36 days; and

**Whereas;** César Estrada Chávez gave his last ounce of strength to La Causa, dying peacefully in his sleep on April 23, 1993, leaving his legacy and symbol of dignity for all people who seek justice; and

**Whereas;** on August 8, 1994, President Bill Clinton posthumously presented the Medal of Freedom, America's highest civilian honor, to César E. Chávez. His widow, Helen, received the medal during a White House ceremony;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,** do hereby proclaim March 31, 2013 as a day in honor of

**CESAR ESTRADA CHAVEZ**



*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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

By the Governor: Brian Sandoval Governor

Cos Miller Secretary of State

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