



A PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF CESAR CHAVEZ

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2023, we celebrate the life and legacy of Cesar Estrada Chavez, a champion for social justice and advocate for hardworking people who build and sustain our nation. Born into poverty and raised by migrant workers, Chavez courageously dedicated his life to improving conditions for workers across the country. Chavez witnessed firsthand the inequities of an economy that only serve those at the top and left millions of hardworking Americans behind. Today as we continue to build an economy that rewards work and not just wealth, we stand on the shoulders of Cesar Chavez and carry forward his fight to advance the rights and dignity of working people.

WHEREAS, when Cesar Chavez founded the United Farm Workers of American alongside Dolores Huerta, he drew national attention to the many agricultural workers who experience inhumane working conditions and unlivable wages. Through strikes, marches, and boycotts, he inspired millions of people across the county to fight for a safe and healthy workplace, better wages, improved workplace protection from sickness and disability, and other core rights and protections.

WHEREAS, in the process, Chavez inspired generations of people across all backgrounds, ages, and industries to organize, bargain, and expand opportunity for workers and their families. His devotion to “viva la causa” (“long live the cause”) brought hope to workers and Latinos across the Nation, and his fight for justice, equality and dignity gave workers and Latinos everywhere a voice. Today we must summon the same courage and moral clarity to carry his legacy forward.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tanya Graham, Mayor of the City of Ashland, Oregon, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby acknowledge March 31 as Cesar Chavez Day, and call upon the people of Ashland to observe this day with appropriate reflection and learning. In Ashland we are “Better Together.”

Dated this 21st day of March 2023

Tonya Graham, Mayor



Melissa Huhtala, City Recorder