

WOODLAND JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



Resolution 43-22

Cesar Estrada Chavez Day – March 31, 2022

**WHEREAS**, Cesar Estrada Chavez was born March 31, 1927 in Yuma, Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, when severe drought forced the loss of the Chavez ranch, the family moved to California to pick crops when Cesar was ten years old; and

**WHEREAS**, although Cesar Estrada Chavez grew to manhood laboring in farms and fields without the opportunity to continue his formal education past eighth grade, the invaluable lessons he learned through the adversities he faced instilled in him a desire to change the harsh conditions that his family and fellow migrant workers endured; and

**WHEREAS**, at age twenty-five, Cesar Estrada Chavez joined the Community Service Organization (CSO), a Latino civil rights group that he would later head as its national director, and feeling that more concerted efforts were needed on behalf of farmworkers, he left CSO and founded the National Farm Workers Association in 1962, which would eventually become the United Farm Workers of America (UFW) AFL-CIO; and

**WHEREAS**, Cesar Estrada Chavez led his organization through non-violence and with humility, hope and determination in the face of daily injustice and hardship; and

**WHEREAS**, Cesar Estrada Chavez was concerned not only about farmworkers, but also gave national voice to environmental protection and consumers in the use of pesticides on food products; and

**WHEREAS**, Cesar Estrada Chavez remains a significant role model in our country that the positive force of one person can make an immeasurable difference in the lives of others; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 18, 2000, the State of California did recognize the birthday of Cesar E. Chavez as a holiday for state workers and established the “Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning” to be celebrated throughout California communities.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Woodland Joint Unified School District recognizes March 31 as the birthday of farm labor leader Cesar Estrada Chavez, and encourages all District staff and students to remember the importance of agricultural workers in our local economy.

**IN WITNESS THERETO**, the Woodland Joint Unified School District does hereby adopt this resolution this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022, by unanimous Board of Trustees’ vote.

  
BOARD SECRETARY

  
BOARD PRESIDENT