

RESOLUTION NO. RES-23-0045

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LONG BEACH RECOGNIZING EVERY 31ST OF  
MARCH AS CÉSAR CHÁVEZ DAY, A DAY OF  
CELEBRATION IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

WHEREAS, César Chávez is one of the most influential Mexican American labor activists celebrated in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Chávez began working in the fields at a young age and later became a grassroots organizer to help register new voters; and

WHEREAS, Chávez’s contributions have provided better working and living conditions to establish a strong foundation in the work of economic justice that continue to impact the labor movement today; and

WHEREAS, Chávez’s efforts also led to the adoption of the Agricultural Labor Relation Act in 1975 in the State of California, which granted the right of farm workers to unionize; and

WHEREAS, Chávez is most famously known for cofounding with Dolores Huerta the National Farm Workers Association that organized the historic 1965 Gape String alongside the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has dedicated a day to honor César Chávez since 2001; and

WHEREAS, the United States has celebrated César Chávez and dedicated his birthdate of March 31st of every year as a celebration to his achievements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach (the “City”) aims to recognize the long-lasting impact of the work on union organizing and labor negotiations by honoring a day to César Chávez;

WHEREAS, the City is a leader in celebrating its diversity, supporting social

1 justice and equity in the City, and fostering mutual respect and understanding for all; and  
2 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as  
3 follows:

4 Section 1. The City Council hereby recognizes March 31st of every year  
5 in the City of Long Beach as César Chávez Day to honor and observe the contributions  
6 of César Chávez to the Mexican community, to promote public awareness, and to  
7 celebrate Chávez's achievements, thus regarding this day as a Day of Celebration in  
8 Long Beach.

9 Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption  
10 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

11 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City  
12 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of April 4, 2023,  
13 by the following vote:

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15 Ayes: Councilmembers: Zendejas, Allen, Duggan, Supernaw,  
16 Kerr, Saro, Uranga, Austin,  
17 Ricks-Oddie.

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19 Noes: Councilmembers: None.

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21 Absent: Councilmembers: None.

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23 Recusal(s): Councilmembers: None.

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26 City Clerk

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