

CITY OF NAPA
PROCLAMATION
In Honor of César Chávez Day
March 31, 2025

WHEREAS, we come together to celebrate the life and legacy of César Estrada Chávez, born on March 31, 1927 in Yuma, Arizona. Chávez’s legacy flourished in the 1950s when he became a mobilizer for a Latino civil rights group called the Community Service Organization. He became one of its most dedicated organizers and it laid the groundwork for his best-known contribution - the farm labor movement; and

WHEREAS, the United Farm Workers U.S. labor union was founded in 1962 by labor leaders César Chávez himself and Dolores Huerta. This union served to empower migrant farm workers while also implementing fair wages, appropriate working conditions, and health insurance benefits; and

WHEREAS, after striking and boycotting for almost a decade, it resulted in most of the grape growers signing union contracts and brought an end to injustice for the hardworking farm workers; and

WHEREAS, César Chávez is commemorated by Napans on Napa’s Hispanic heritage mural on First Street across from Napa’s Veteran Memorial Park alongside Dolores Huerta. It is a reminder to us all that his legacy has and will continue to make an impact on the generations to come; and

WHEREAS, on the 98th anniversary of his birth, we are reminded of César Chávez’s immense perseverance and passion for democracy. As one of his famous quotes states: “To make a great dream come true, the first requirement is a great capacity to dream; the second is persistence.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Scott Sedgley, Mayor of the City of Napa, along with the City Council, do hereby recognize and celebrate **March 31, 2025 as César Chávez Day** and call upon the Napa community to observe this day with appropriate reflection and learning. In Napa, we are “Better together.”

Dated: March 18, 2025

SCOTT SEDGLEY, MAYOR