



John Kasich, Governor
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Resolution No. 2015-01

On Recognizing March 31st as Cesar Chavez Day in Ohio
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WHEREAS Cesar Chavez is the most recognized Latino civil rights leader in the United States, and;

WHEREAS Cesar Chavez was born in Arizona on March 31, 1927, and was a full-time migrant farm worker as a child¹, and;

WHEREAS through non-violent means Cesar Chavez dedicated his adult life to improving the wages and working conditions for farm workers across America², and;

WHEREAS Cesar Chavez led numerous boycotts, marches and hunger strikes to bring attention to the plight of farm workers³, and;

WHEREAS Cesar Chavez co-founded the National Farm Workers Association in 1962⁴, and;

WHEREAS Cesar Chavez reflects the American values of liberty and justice for all, and has left behind a legacy that continues to inspire the world, and;

WHEREAS the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Michigan, Nevada, Rhode Island and Texas formally recognize March 31st as Cesar Chavez Day⁵, and;

WHEREAS in 2012 there were 43,250 migrant or seasonal farm workers in Ohio contributing to Ohio's growth and economic success⁶, and;

WHEREAS Ohio's farmers and farm workers have made food production and agriculture the leading industries in Ohio⁷, and;

WHEREAS the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs is statutorily obligated to advise state government on particular issues impacting Ohio Latinos and to illuminate the contributions of Hispanics; therefore be it

RESOLVED THAT: The Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs urges Ohio's Governor and General Assembly to formally recognize the contributions and leadership of Cesar Chavez each year by naming March 31st as Cesar Chavez Day.

[Handwritten signatures of Michael Florez, Tony Ortiz, and other commissioners]



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^{1,2,3,4} Foner, Eric and John Garraty. "Cesar Chavez: The Reader's Companion to American History." 1991.

⁵ Ariz. Rev. Stat. §1-308; Cal. Gov. Code §6700; Colo. Rev. Stat. §24-11-101; Mich. Comp. Laws §435.301; Nev. Rev. Stat. §236.027; R.I. Gen. Laws §25-2-44; Tex. Gov. Code §662.013

⁶ National Center for Farmworker Health website, using information from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (<http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2012>) and U.S. Department of Labor (<http://www.doleta.gov/agworker/naws.cfm>)

⁷ Ohio Farm Bureau website