

Resolution to Honor the César Chávez Holiday and to Close All Schools, Government Offices and Workplaces on the Chávez Holiday

Adopted by the California Federation of Teachers (CFT) at their state convention on March 18, 2007

WHEREAS: César Chávez's Birthday was established as a California State Holiday in 2000. The César Chávez Holiday was created specifically to give students from elementary school through college the day off from school, and workers across California a paid holiday from work.

WHEREAS: The Chávez Holiday celebrates Latina/o dignity, pride, and our struggle for full equality and justice.

WHEREAS: The Oakland Unified School District, the San Francisco Unified School District, some other school districts, the UC's and many other colleges and universities will be closed on March 30, 2007 to honor the holiday.

WHEREAS: The tremendous outpouring of support for Latina/o equality in California and nationwide over the past year makes clear that the time to fully recognize the César Chávez Holiday in every school and workplace is NOW!

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The CFT calls on every school district, community college, and university throughout California to abide by the spirit and the letter of the law and close on Friday March 30, 2007, the César Chávez Birthday Holiday, and calls for the Chávez Holiday to be recognized as a paid holiday for workers throughout California on or about this date for every year hereafter.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The CFT endorses and will urge its members to participate in the César Chávez Holiday marches planned for Los Angeles, Oakland, and other cities throughout California.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT: In addition, the CFT urges its members and students to participate in service and learning on this day.

Other endorsers (partial list): Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action, Integration, and Immigrant Rights and Fight for Equality By Any Means Necessary (**BAMN**); Central American Resource Center of LA (**CARECEN**); Misioneros de Jesucristo The Inner City Missionary LA; First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles; Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (**LCLAA**), San Francisco; **ASUC** (UC-Berkeley student government), Oakland Education Association (**OEA**); **Father Filberto Barrera**, St. Cornelius Church, Richmond; **Father Jose Gago**, St. Mark Church, Richmond; **Father Michael Lacey**, **Father Javier Aguilar**, & **Father Manuel Galvez**, St. John the Baptist Church, San Lorenzo; **Father Oscar Mendez**, St. Elizabeth Church, Oakland; **Pastor Richard Saenz**, Templo Victoria, Los Angeles; **Rev. Brenda Vaca**, Pastor of Ministerios Nueva Vida/New Life Ministries of the United Methodist Church

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