# Eastside Union School District

# PROCLAMATION

### Cesar Chavez Day
### March 31, 2021

**WHEREAS**, Cesar Chavez Day is a U.S. federal commemorative holiday, proclaimed by President Barak Obama in 2014, it is a State holiday in California and is observed in ten other states. The holiday celebrates the birth and legacy of the civil rights and labor movement activist Cesar Chavez on March 31 every year, and is observed to promote service to the community in honor of his life and work; and

**WHEREAS,** Cesar Chavez was a Mexican American labor leader and civil rights activist who as a child, migrated across the southwestern states with his family, laboring in the fields and vineyards, where he was exposed to the hardships and injustices of farm worker life. He attended more than 30 elementary and middle schools, and after achieving only an 8th grade education, he left school to work full-time in the fields to support his family; and

**WHEREAS,** Cesar Chavez became an activist, and lead the struggles of farm workers across the nation, to improve their working and living conditions through organizing and negotiating contracts with their employers. He became a co-founder of the National Farm Worker's Association, now called United Farm Workers; and

**WHEREAS,** inspired by the non-violent civil disobedience of Gandhi, Chavez led non-violent strikes, boycotts, and hunger strikes to protest laws banning farm workers from organizing and protesting, while also highlighting the dangers of pesticides for farm workers and their families.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Eastside Union School District Board of Trustees do hereby proclaim March 31, 2021, as Cesar Chavez Day, and encourages all educational communities to commemorate this occasion with appropriate instructional activities.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Eastside Union School District this 17th day of March 2021.

Doretta Thompson, Clerk
Board of Trustees
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