

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

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| AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation Declaring Cesar Chavez Day in the City of Shoreline |
| DEPARTMENT: CMO/CCK & Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services |
| PRESENTED BY: Scott Passey, City Clerk |

ISSUE STATEMENT:

On March 31 of each year the nation celebrates Cesar Chavez Day. A true champion for justice, Cesar Chavez advocated for and won many of the rights and benefits we now enjoy, and his spirit lives on in the hands and hearts of working women and men today.

Raised in the fields of Arizona and California, Cesar Chavez faced hardship and injustice from a young age. At the time, farm workers toiled in the shadows of society, vulnerable to abuse and exploitation. Families like Chavez's were impoverished; exposed to hazardous working conditions and dangerous pesticides; and often denied clean drinking water, toilets, and other basic necessities.

Cesar Chavez saw the need for change and made a courageous choice to work to improve the lives of his fellow farm workers. The proclamation calls upon all citizens to observe this day with appropriate service, community, and educational programs to honor Cesar Chavez's enduring legacy.

RECOMMENDATION

Council should present the proclamation.

Approved By: City Manager - City Attorney –



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez was raised in the fields of Arizona and California, where he faced hardship and injustice from a young age; and

WHEREAS, at the time, farm workers toiled in the shadows of society, vulnerable to abuse and exploitation. Families like Chavez's were exposed to hazardous working conditions and dangerous pesticides; and often denied clean drinking water, toilets, and other basic necessities; and

WHEREAS, Chavez saw the need for change and made a courageous choice to work to improve the lives of his fellow farm workers. Through boycotts and fasts, he led others on a path of nonviolence conceived in careful study of the teachings of St. Francis of Assisi and Mahatma Gandhi, and in the powerful example of Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, with quiet leadership and a powerful voice, Chavez founded the United Farm Workers (UFW) with Dolores Huerta, launching one of our Nation's most inspiring social movements; and

WHEREAS, a true champion for justice, Chavez advocated for and won many of the rights and benefits we now enjoy, and his spirit lives on in the hands and hearts of working women and men today; and

WHEREAS, as we face the challenges of our day, let us do so with the hope and determination of Chavez, echoing the words that were his rallying cry and that continue to inspire so many today, "Sí, se puede" – "Yes, we can."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith McGlashan, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, call upon all citizens to observe his legacy with appropriate service, community, and educational programs, and hereby proclaim March 31 as

CESAR CHAVEZ DAY

in the City of Shoreline.

Keith McGlashan, Mayor of Shoreline