



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 3/24/2026

File #: 26-258

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Natalie Arroyo

Agenda Section: Initiated by Board Member

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Renaming the County Holiday from Cesar Chavez Day to Farmworkers Day

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt a resolution renaming the county-recognized observance of Cesar Chavez Day to "Farmworkers Day"; and
2. Direct staff to update all relevant county calendars, policies and communications to reflect this change.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Core Services/Other

Strategic Plan Category: 9999 - Core Services/Other

DISCUSSION:

Cesar Chavez Day, observed annually on March 31, recognizes the life and legacy of Cesar Chavez and his contributions to the labor movement, particularly in advancing the rights and working conditions of farmworkers.

In recognition of the broader contributions of farmworkers, past and present, staff recommends renaming the County of Humboldt's observance to "Farmworkers Day." This change is intended to honor the collective efforts, sacrifices and ongoing importance of farmworkers in Humboldt County and throughout California. Farmworkers play a vital role in sustaining local agriculture, supporting the regional economy and ensuring food security.

Renaming the observance provides an opportunity to acknowledge not only the historical leadership of Cesar Chavez, but also the diverse individuals and communities who contribute to agricultural labor today. The proposed name emphasizes inclusivity and recognizes the ongoing contributions of farmworkers across generations.

The proposed change would apply to county references, communications and internal observances. The date of March 31 will remain unchanged.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Varies

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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The financial impact associated with this action is minimal. Costs would be limited to administrative updates to county materials, such as calendars, websites and internal documents, and can be absorbed within existing departmental budgets.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: N/A

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