

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Mayor & Council

AGENDA DATE: 3.28.23

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:

Representative Henry Rivera - 915.212.0007

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL

Goal 4 - Enhance El Paso's Quality of Life through Recreational, Cultural and Educational Environments

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Discussion and Action to approve a resolution in honor of Cesar E. Chavez Day for his contributions as a world-renowned labor and civil rights leader. In June 22, 2022 the City Council approved March 31st of each year as an official City of El Paso Holiday – Cesar E. Chavez Day – as part of the continued efforts to address systemic barriers to racism and be inclusive, celebrate and uplift communities of color.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

Cesar Chavez Day is a U.S. federal commemorative holiday, proclaimed by President Barack Obama in 2014. The holiday celebrates the birth and legacy of the civil rights and labor movement activist Cesar Chavez on March 31 every year. Cesar Chavez Day is commemorated to promote service to the community in honor of Cesar Chavez's life and work. Some state, county and government offices, community colleges, libraries, and public schools are closed.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, César E. Chávez was an American born on March 31, 1927 to Mexican immigrants and proudly served in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, César was an American farm worker, labor leader and civil rights activist, who, with Dolores Huerta, co-founded the National Farm Workers Association that later became the United Farm Workers union; and

WHEREAS, for thirty years, César tenaciously devoted himself to the problems of workers in America. The movement he inspired succeeded in raising salaries and improving working conditions for farm workers in California, Texas, Arizona, and Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2014, President Obama used his authority to proclaim March 31st as the national César Chávez Day, a day devoted to the promotion of service to the community in honor of his distinguished lifetime work and for what he's taught us about making America a stronger, more just, and more prosperous nation; and

WHEREAS, local organizations like Sin Fronteras Organizing Project, Lincoln Conservation Committee, Tejano Democrats, César Chávez Academy and Senator José Rodríguez coordinate a variety of activities to honor César's work, and invite the community to use that day as an opportunity to serve others; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED: by the Mayor and Council of the City of El Paso that March 31, 2023 shall be known as:

“CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ DAY”
¡Viva César Chávez!

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2023.

CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leaser, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Donald C. Davie
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Assistant City Attorney