

# **Washoe County, Nevada**

## **~PROCLAMATION~**

**WHEREAS**, César Estrada Chávez was born March 31, 1927, on a small farm near Yuma, Arizona that his grandfather homesteaded in the 1880's; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1962, César Chávez moved his wife and eight children to Delano, California where he founded the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA), later to become the United Farm Workers; and

**WHEREAS**, From the beginning, César Chávez adhered to the principles of non-violence practiced by M.K. Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to support the end of suffering for farm workers and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, César Chávez conducted multiple 25 to 36-day fasts to reaffirm the United Farm Workers' commitment to non-violence as a necessary and effective practice to maintain self-respect while supporting their cause; and

**WHEREAS**, On August 8, 1994, César Estrada Chávez became the second Mexican American to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in the United States. The award was presented posthumously by President Bill Clinton;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners proclaims March 31, 2021 is

## **~ César Chávez Day ~**

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2021.

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Bob Lucey, Chair  
Washoe County Commission