

City of Sunnyside, Washington



WHEREAS, César Estrada Chávez, born on March 31, 1927, dedicated his life to improving the treatment, pay, and working conditions for farm workers; and

WHEREAS, César Chávez co-founded the National Farm Workers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers (UFW), and his leadership was pivotal in the American labor movement; and

WHEREAS, Chávez's non-violent approach—emphasizing strikes, boycotts, marches, and fasts—changed the nature of labor activism and underscored the importance of community involvement in securing rights and respect for workers; and

WHEREAS, César Chávez's work transcended agricultural labor to advocate for environmental justice, women's rights, and nondiscrimination on the basis of race or nationality, making him a broader civil rights leader; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sunnyside, Washington, recognizes the importance of acknowledging the contributions of all individuals who have worked to promote justice and equality; and

WHEREAS, the principles of respect for others, service to the community, and social justice championed by César Chávez are reflective of the values we hold in Sunnyside as migrant farmworkers are the driving force of our economy and the heart of our community; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the achievements and contributions of César Chávez to our community and our nation by designating March 31 as Cesar Chavez Day in the City of Sunnyside, Washington;

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Now THEREFORE, I, Dean Broersma, Mayor of the City of Sunnyside, Washington, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Washington and on behalf of the Sunnyside City Council do hereby proclaim, Sunday, March 31, 2024 as

“César Chávez Day”

in the City of Sunnyside and urge all citizens to celebrate this day in recognition of the legacy of César Chávez, to reflect on the enduring importance of labor rights, and to continue striving for justice for all workers.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYSIDE TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT SUNNYSIDE THIS 25TH DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FOUR.


DEAN BROERSMA
MAYOR OF SUNNYSIDE