

1 [SB 984, Amended - Cesar Chavez State Holiday ]

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3 URGING THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS TO  
4 APPROVE THE AMENDED STATE SENATE BILL 984 DESIGNATING A STATE HOLIDAY  
5 IN MEMORY OF CESAR E. CHAVEZ.

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7 WHEREAS, Cesar Estrada Chavez founded and led the first  
8 successful farmworkers union in U.S. history; and,

9 WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez's message of justice and non-violent  
10 protest, his advocacy for improved working and social conditions of  
11 laborers, and his leadership in the farmworkers movement make him an  
12 inspiration and role model for us all; and,

13 WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez had to leave school after the eighth grade  
14 to work in the fields and vineyards to help support his family; and,

15 WHEREAS, While laboring in the apricot orchards of California,  
16 Cesar Chavez began organizing in his local community, became a full  
17 time organizer, coordinated voter registration drives, and battled  
18 racial and economic discrimination against Latinos; and,

19 WHEREAS, In 1962 Cesar Chavez founded the National Farmworkers  
20 Union; and,

21 WHEREAS, By the 1980s, conditions had improved for California's  
22 farmworkers and thousands were under union contracts, had higher pay,  
23 health coverage and other benefits due to Cesar Chavez's efforts;  
24 and,

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1           WHEREAS, Senate Bill 984, introduced by Senator Polanco, would  
2 designate a state holiday in memory of Cesar Chavez; and,

3           WHEREAS, Recognition of Cesar Chavez will send an important  
4 message to our children that in California we recognize and value the  
5 leadership, inspiration and personal sacrifice that defined the life  
6 of Cesar Chavez; and,

7           WHEREAS, On March 31<sup>st</sup> or on the day determined by the State  
8 Legislature, public schools and educational institutions throughout  
9 the state are encouraged to include exercises, funded through  
10 existing resources, commemorating and directing attention to the  
11 history of the farm labor movement in the United States and  
12 particularly the role of Cesar Chavez; and,

13           WHEREAS, The State Board of Education may adopt a model  
14 curriculum guide to be available for use by public schools for  
15 exercises related to Cesar Chavez Day; and,

16           WHEREAS, Public schools and educational institutions will have  
17 only a half day of instruction in order for students to participate  
18 in community and school service projects at school with their  
19 classmates and with their communities after school; and,

20           WHEREAS, The public service requirement would be unique among  
21 holidays celebrated in California and would help students make  
22 positive achievements in their communities as well as learning the  
23 importance of the life of Cesar Chavez; and,

1           WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez day will be either the Monday or Friday  
2 following or preceding March 31, the day Cesar Chavez was born, and  
3 will be a judicial holiday and a required paid holiday for public  
4 schools (K-12), community colleges, and state employees as well as a  
5 half day of instruction for public schools and institutions; now,  
6 therefore be it

7           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County  
8 of San Francisco endorses the amended Senate Bill 984 and urges the  
9 Legislature and Governor to approve the bill to create a new holiday  
10 in honor of Cesar Chavez; and be it

11           FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded  
12 to his Honor, the Mayor, with a request that he transmit copies to  
13 the delegation from San Francisco in the State Legislature, as well  
14 as Governor Davis, with a request that they take all action necessary  
15 to pass Senate Bill 984.



# City and County of San Francisco

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## Tails Resolution

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**File Number:** 000760

**Date Passed:**

Resolution urging the California State Legislature and Governor Gray Davis to approve the amended State Senate Bill 984 designating a State holiday in memory of Cesar E. Chavez.

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May 1, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

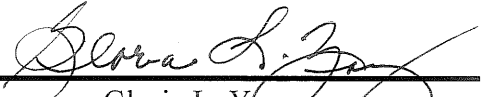
Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng,

Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Katz

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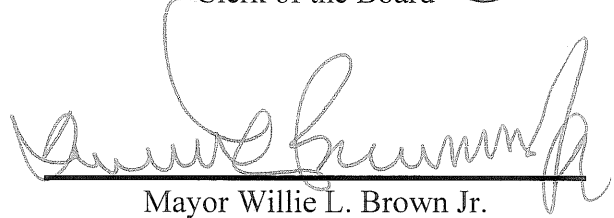
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 1, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

MAY 12 2000

Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.