

1 [Commendation]

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3 COMMENDING GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS FOR THE SIGNING OF STATE SENATE BILL
4 984 DESIGNATING A STATE HOLIDAY IN MEMORY OF CESAR E. CHAVEZ.

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 984, introduced by Senator Polanco, will
25 designate a state holiday in memory of Cesar Chavez; and,

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

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

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez day will be either the Monday or Friday
23 following or preceding March 31, the day Cesar Chavez was born, and
24 will be a judicial holiday and a required paid holiday for public
25 schools (K-12), community colleges, and state employees as well as a

1 half day of instruction for public schools and institutions; now,
2 therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County
4 of San Francisco commends Governor Gray Davis for signing Senate Bill
5 984 designating a state holiday in memory of Cesar E. Chavez.

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Resolution

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Date Passed:

Resolution commending Governor Gray Davis for the signing of the State Senate Bill 984 designating a state holiday in memory of Cesar R. Chavez.

August 21, 2000 Board of Supervisors — SEVERED FROM FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT
COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA

August 21, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom,
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Absent: 2 - Teng, Yee

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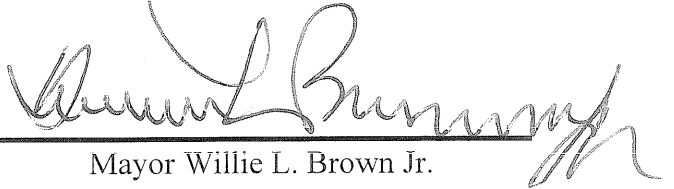
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on August 21, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.