



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Cesar Estrada Chavez and Dolores Huerta co-founded the National Farm Workers Association in 1962 – which later became the United Farm Workers of America – to organize for worker rights and bring attention to the injustices of the living and working conditions of farm workers in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: The United Farm Workers of America sought recognition of the importance and dignity of all farm workers and organized the Delano Grape Strike, a 300-mile march from Delano to Sacramento, California, and a nationwide consumer boycott that resulted in better working conditions and pay for farm workers in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: As a community organizer, Chavez was committed to achieving economic and social justice for farm workers and organized nonviolent actions, including boycotts, strikes, fasts, and marches; and
- WHEREAS: All workers in Minnesota can benefit from the gains in worker safety and protection that the United Farm Workers fought for; and
- WHEREAS: Migrant and seasonal agricultural and farm workers make vital contributions to their communities in cities and towns in every region across our state and contribute to a vibrant state economy; and
- WHEREAS: More than 388,134 workers, including migrant workers, foreign laborers, recent immigrants and refugees, and seasonal workers, generate over \$106 billion annually in total economic impact in the agricultural production and processing industries in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: In 2014, the State of Minnesota established Chavez’s birthday, March 31, as Cesar Chavez Day in honor of his legacy and in celebration of the growing Latine community in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: In 2024, Governor Tim Walz issued Executive Order 24-08, continuing the Governor’s Committee on the Safety, Health, and Wellbeing of Agricultural and Food Processing Workers and reaffirming that the health, safety, and wellbeing of farm workers remains a priority for Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota remains committed to ensuring that seasonal, migrant, farm, and agricultural workers who call Minnesota their home feel welcomed here and have every opportunity to achieve their dreams.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, March 31, 2025, as:

CESAR CHAVEZ DAY

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 20th day of March.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE