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Councilmember, District 4

CONSENT CALENDAR
March 22, 2011

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmembers Jesse Arreguín and Kriss Worthington
Subject: Proclamation: 2011 César Chávez Commemorative Period

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Proclamation declaring the period of March 21, 2011 to April 23, 2011 as the 2011 César Chávez Commemorative Period.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Berkeley is committed to the values of César E. Chávez and is the first city in the country to provide paid release time for city employees to volunteer in the community.

The State of California has declared César Chávez’s birthday (March 31st) an official holiday for state workers; also declaring that the best way to honor his legacy is through service to the community.

César Chávez was a labor leader, a civil rights advocate, and a prophet of non-violence who gave a voice to farm workers who labor in the fields to put food on our tables; and César Chávez believed that service to others is a calling, a mission and a way of life, therefore the best way to honor his legacy is through service to others.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION:

NONE

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Attachments:

1. Proclamation

2011 CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ COMMEMORATIVE PERIOD

WHEREAS, César E. Chávez -labor leader, civil rights advocate, and prophet of non-violence- gave a voice to farm workers who labor in the fields to put food on our tables; and

WHEREAS, the State of California declared César Chávez's birthday, March 31st, an official holiday for state workers; also declaring the best way to honor his legacy is through service to the community; and

WHEREAS, César Chávez believed that service to others was a calling, a mission, and a way of life. He believed people have an obligation to contribute to their communities by helping those in need; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley named a beautiful waterfront park, César Chávez Park, in 1996, and has provisionally reserved a site in the park for a proposed memorial; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley recognizes that ten values of César Chávez serve to remind us, as a community, of our higher purposes: Service to others; Sacrifice, a preference to help the most needy; Determination; Non-Violence; Tolerance; Respect for Life; Celebrating Community; Knowledge; and Innovation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley is committed to the values of César Chávez and became the first city in the country to provide paid release time for city employees to volunteer in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Berkeley City Council hereby declares the period of March 21, 2011 to April 23, 2011 as the

2011 City of Berkeley César E. Chávez Commemorative Period

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY OF BERKELEY joins with the Berkeley Unified School District and many others in urging the entire Berkeley community to celebrate and honor the legacy of César Chávez through service to the community.

Mayor Tom Bates

Councilmember Linda Maio

Councilmember Darryl Moore

Councilmember Max Anderson

Councilmember Jesse Arreguín

Councilmember Laurie Capitelli

Councilmember Susan Wengraf

Councilmember Kriss Worthington

Councilmember Gordon Wozniak