

PROCLAMATION
César E. Chávez Month in Tucson Unified School District
March 2016

WHEREAS, César Estrada Chávez was born March 31, 1927, on a small farm that his family homesteaded near Yuma, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, César Chávez, recognized as one of our Nation's great civil rights and labor-union leaders, committed his life to improving the lives of farm workers everywhere and brought their plight to national attention, faithfully adhering to the principles of non-violence practices by Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 1994, César Chávez posthumously received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in the United States; and

WHEREAS, César Chávez's life motto, "Sí Se Puede" (It can be done) and his work to establish the United Farmworkers Union (UFW), embody the invaluable legacy he left for the world's benefit; and

WHEREAS, both Pima County and the City of Tucson have an administrative leave day and paid holiday to honor César E. Chávez and his legacy of servant leadership; and

WHEREAS, Monday, March 28th will serve as the 2nd Annual César Chávez Day of Service throughout the City of Tucson; and

WHEREAS, The Arizona César E. Chávez Holiday Coalition has planned activities for the Tucson community to celebrate the life and legacy of César Estrada Chávez and to recognize the men and women who labor in the agricultural fields to produce the food we serve at tables across this Nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Board of the Tucson Unified School District does hereby proclaim March 2016 as **César E. Chávez Month** in this District and encourages all of our students and employees to observe this month with appropriate community service and educational themes to honor César's enduring legacy.

Adopted this 8th of March, 2016.

Adelita S. Grijalva, President

Kristel Ann Foster, Clerk

Michael Hicks, Member

Mark Stegeman, Member

Cam Juárez, Member