

**PROCLAMATION**  
**César E. Chávez Week in Tucson Unified School District**  
**March 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

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, In 1965, César Chávez submitted himself to a 25-day fast to reaffirm the UFW's commitment to non-violence; an effort that inspired the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy to fly to Delano, California to support him as he ended the fast; 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 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 as **César E. Chávez Week** in this District and encourages all of our students and employees to observe this week with appropriate community service and educational themes to honor César's enduring legacy.

Adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> of March, 2014.

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