

1 [SB 984 - Cesar Chavez Holiday]

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3 URGING THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS TO  
4 APPROVE STATE SENATE BILL 984 DESIGNATING A STATE HOLIDAY  
5 IN MEMORY OF CESAR E. CHAVEZ.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SUPERVISOR, BECERRIL, Bierman, Katz  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1           WHEREAS, Senate Bill 984, introduced by Senator Polanco would  
2 designate a state holiday in memory of Cesar Chavez; and,

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

7           WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez day will be either the Monday or Friday  
8 following or preceding March 31, the day Cesar Chavez was born, and  
9 will be a judicial holiday and a required paid holiday for public  
10 schools (K-12), community colleges, and state employees; now,  
11 therefore be it

12           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County  
13 of San Francisco endorses Senate Bill 984 and urges the Legislature  
14 and Governor to approve the bill to create a new holiday in honor of  
15 Cesar Chavez; and be it

16           FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded  
17 to his Honor, the Mayor, with a request that he transmit copies to  
18 the delegation from San Francisco in the State Legislature, as well  
19 as Governor Davis, with a request that they take all action necessary  
20 to pass Senate Bill 984.



# City and County of San Francisco

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## Tails

### Resolution

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**File Number:** 991661

**Date Passed:**

Resolution urging the California State Legislature and Governor Gray Davis to approve State Senate Bill 984 designating a State holiday in memory of Cesar E. Chavez.

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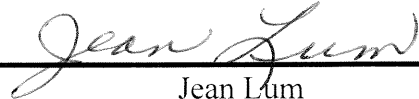
September 13, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom,  
Teng, Yee

Absent: 1 - Yaki

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 13, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

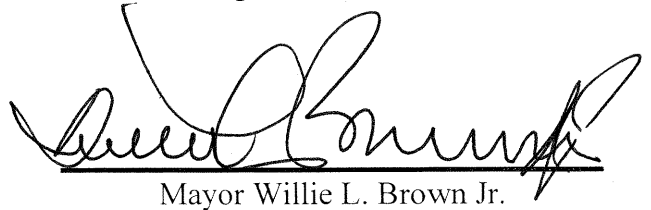


Jean Lum  
Acting Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.