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Yolo County Board of Supervisors Approves Designation of Both Cesar Chavez Day and Juneteenth as County Holidays

(Woodland, CA) - Today, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors took a momentous step toward embracing diversity, fostering inclusivity, and honoring the significance and symbolism of two holidays within our community. By unanimously approving the official designation of both Cesar Chavez Day (March 31st) and Juneteenth (June 19th) as county holidays, Yolo County has reaffirmed its commitment to inclusivity, appreciation of its workforce, and acknowledges the invaluable contributions of diverse communities to the cultural fabric of American society.

Cesar Chavez Day, celebrated in California since 1995, serves as a tribute to the remarkable accomplishments of Cesario Estrada Chavez, a Mexican American labor leader and civil rights activist. By formally designating Cesar Chavez Day, Yolo County acknowledges Chavez's tireless efforts in improving the lives and working conditions of Latino farm workers across Yolo County and the nation.

Juneteenth, a commemoration that has been observed by Black Americans since 1865, gained federal recognition as a holiday in 2021. By formally designating Juneteenth, Yolo County leads the nationwide recognition of this celebration of freedom, symbolizing the liberation of enslaved African Americans and honoring their enduring struggle for equality and justice.

"Today's formal designation of Cesar Chavez Day and Juneteenth as county holidays serves as a catalyst for cultural understanding, reflection, and education. This milestone reflects our deep respect for the contributions made by individuals who fought for social justice and equality." Said Chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors Oscar Villegas. "By acknowledging these holidays, we foster unity and inclusivity within our community, recognizing the diverse tapestry that enriches Yolo County."

"I am profoundly pleased with the leadership of our Board of Supervisors in formally designating these important holidays, which reflect Yolo County's values of inclusivity, equity, and unity. By authorizing these two new paid holidays, the Board has shown a very strong commitment toward supporting our workforce and promoting the monumental historical significance represented by both holidays." Said County Administrative Officer Gerardo Pinedo. "I am especially proud that this approval comes on the heels of the Board's recent approval and funding for the County's first-ever Manager of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Dr. Tico Zendejas. Both actions reaffirm Yolo County's dedication and strong sense of pride in embracing the multicultural diversity of our great County."

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