



STATE OF NEBRASKA



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** On March 31, 1927, Cesar Chavez was born on a small ranch near Yuma, Arizona; and

**WHEREAS,** When severe drought forced the Chavez family to give up their ranch in Yuma, they began picking crops on California farms; and

**WHEREAS,** After serving our nation in WWII, Cesar Chavez returned to farm labor in California and began advocating for workers' rights; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1962, Cesar Chavez founded the National Farm Workers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers of America (UFW), AFL-CIO, the first successful farm workers' union in the United States history; and

**WHEREAS,** Under Cesar Chavez's tireless leadership, the UFW was the first to win collective bargaining for farm workers; and

**WHEREAS,** At its peak in the 1980's, the UFW's collective bargaining agreements covered approximately 80,000 workers across the nation; and

**WHEREAS,** Cesar Chavez led a successful five year grape-pickers' strike that rallied millions of supporters to the UFW and forged a national coalition of unions, church groups, students, minorities and consumers; and

**WHEREAS,** On April 23, 1993, Cesar Chavez passed away, leaving behind an enduring legacy of service and leadership; and

**WHEREAS,** Cesar Chavez's influence has made a lasting impact on farm labor issues and inspired millions of Latinos to achieve educational and political success; and

**WHEREAS,** On March 31, 2015, individuals and organizations throughout Nebraska are encouraged to celebrate Cesar Chavez's life and work by participating in community service projects.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the 31st day of March, 2015 as

### CESAR CHAVEZ DAY OF SERVICE AND LEARNING

in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Eighteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen.



Attest:

Secretary of State

Governor