



PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE WEEK OF MARCH 28-APRIL 4, 2010, AS FARM WORKER AWARENESS WEEK AND HONORING THE SPIRIT AND WORK OF CÉSAR CHÁVEZ

WHEREAS, the City of Newberg is situated in Yamhill County, the 7th largest producer of agricultural products of the 36 counties in the state of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, Oregon's agribusiness employees up to 175,000 year-round, seasonal, and migrant farm workers, many of whom live and work in and around the City of Newberg, and who are key partners for the safety, security, and sustainability of our food supply; and

WHEREAS, the labor of Oregon's farm workers contributes more than three billion dollars annually to the state's economy and agriculture continues to be the principal industry in Yamhill County; and

WHEREAS, The City of Newberg honors all those who plant, cultivate, harvest and process our agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, March 31st is the birthday of César Chávez, whose dedication to non-violent organizing for just wages, safe labor conditions, and dignity for the women, men, and children who toil in the fields, moved him to lead a nationwide peaceful struggle for farm worker justice that continues today.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED by Mayor Bob Andrews and the City Council of the City of Newberg, Oregon, declaring the week of March 28-April 4, 2010, as Farm Worker Awareness Week and further recognizes March 31, 2010, as César Chávez Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Newberg to be affixed on this 15th day of March, 2010.

Bob Andrews, Mayor