



Agenda Item Number: 2009-3-3A

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: March 17, 2009

Department: Commission **Staff Contact:** Sherry Gutierrez, Commission Asst., District 3

TITLE: Proclamation honoring civil rights leader César Estrada Chávez

ACTION: Presentation of Proclamation

SUMMARY:

In 1962, César Estrada Chávez, along with many dedicated farm workers, formed the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA) and later the United Farm Workers (UFW). He led a five-year nonviolent boycott against California grape growers, protesting poor working conditions and the use of pesticides harmful to farm workers. The boycott was successful in winning new rights for workers. In 1994 he was awarded the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Mexican American civil rights leader Cesar Chavez is recognized for his countless efforts to improve living and working conditions for indigent migrant farm laborers in the U.S.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Draft of Proclamation