

WOODLAND JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



Resolution 40-24
Dolores Huerta Day - April 10, 2024

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2018, Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill 2644, introduced by Assemblymember Eloise Reyes (AD-47), designating April 10th as Dolores Huerta Day, making civil rights leader and community organizer, Dolores Huerta the first and only living person to hold this honor; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 2644 adds Section 37222.20 to the Education Code, stating "On Dolores Huerta Day, all public schools and educational institutions are encouraged to conduct exercises remembering the life of Dolores Huerta, recognizing her accomplishments, and familiarizing pupils with the contributions she made to this state"; and

WHEREAS, Dolores Clara Fernandez Huerta was born on April 10, 1930, in Dawson, New Mexico, the daughter of Juan and Alicia Fernandez; and

WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta became a school teacher in Stockton, California and became conscious of the need for economic justice through seeing her students come to school barefoot and hungry; and

WHEREAS, during the 1950s, Huerta met legendary community organizer Fred Ross, Sr. and found her calling as an organizer serving in the leadership of the Stockton Community Service Organization (CSO), during which time she set up voter registration drives, pressed local governments for barrio improvements; and founded the Agricultural Workers Association (AWA); and

WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta is the most prominent Mexican-American female labor leader in the United States, is the co-founder with Cesar Chavez of the United Farm Workers of America (UFW), and for over 60 years beginning in the 1960s, Huerta lobbied in Sacramento and Washington D.C., organized field strikes, directed UFW boycotts, led farmworker campaigns for political candidates, negotiated the first UFW labor contracts and has played a major role in the American civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, President Obama presented Huerta the Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Woodland Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees hereby declare April 10th as "Dolores Huerta Day" and encourages schools to teach about the life and struggles of Dolores Huerta and to conduct celebrations honoring the life of Dolores Huerta as a powerful force for social justice and empowerment for all.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of April 2024, by unanimous vote.


BOARD SECRETARY


BOARD PRESIDENT