

PROCLAMATION

Dolores Huerta Day

WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta was born on April 10, 1930, in Dawson, New Mexico and spent most of her childhood and early adult life in Stockton, California with her two brothers and their mother following her parents' divorce; and

WHEREAS, her father, Juan Fernández, a farmworker and miner, was a union activist and her mother, Alicia Fernández, was active in numerous civic organizations as well as the church, using her 70-room hotel to provide housing to low-wage workers; and

WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta, in the service-oriented spirit of her parents, carried the torch of positive impact in her community, becoming both an organizer and activist and serving in the Stockton Chapter of the Community Service Organization (CSO) and founding the Agricultural Workers Association to better the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, upon meeting César Chávez, the two served and worked together as major voices in American History, founding the National Farm Workers Association to raise awareness to the plight and difficulties encountered by agricultural workers who were frequently exploited and unfairly treated; and

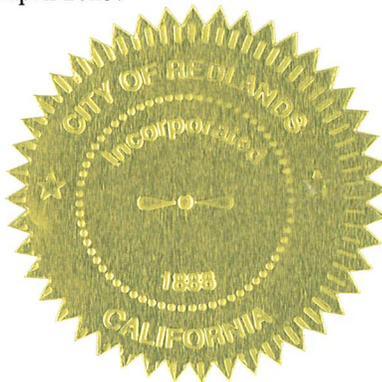
WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta is one of the most influential labor activists of the 20th century, becoming the first Latina inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1993 and being awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the United States, in 2016, while also emerging as an inspiration and guiding light to many generations of women as an early trailblazer, a role model, heroine, a skilled organizer and tough negotiator; and

WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta is recognized in the City of Redlands as a voice that enacted positive change within the agricultural community, an industry intimately tied to the City's history and still an integral part of its social and economic fabric to this day, both through its heritage groves and its workers; and

WHEREAS, we also recognize, honor, and celebrate one of America's greatest champions for agricultural laborer rights and social justice, an individual whose lifelong commitment to justice for all and the many trails she paved for generations of activists has made us a stronger, more just, and a more prosperous country and community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Redlands does hereby proclaim April 10, 2025, as Dolores Huerta Day in Redlands and, in the spirit of Dolores Huerta, encourages all residents to create positive impacts in the community to better the lives of others.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto affix our signatures and Official Seal of the City of Redlands on this 1st day of April 2025.



Mario Saucedo

Mario Saucedo, Mayor

Attest:

Jeanne Donaldson

Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk