

# 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**, Dolores Huerta is one of the most influential labor activists of the 20<sup>th</sup> 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, 2026, as Dolores Huerta Day in the City of 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.



Mario Saucedo, Mayor

*Attest:*

Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk