

State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1631

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; designating March 31 as Cesar Chavez Legislative
1.3 Day; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 3.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **[3.9224] CESAR CHAVEZ LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

1.6 (a) Every year, March 31 shall be known as Cesar Chavez Legislative Day
1.7 to celebrate the growing Latino community in Minnesota. Latinos make up the
1.8 fastest-growing demographic group in the state, with a current population of over 250,000
1.9 individuals throughout the state. Dedicating March 31 of each year as Cesar Chavez
1.10 Legislative Day provides the citizens of Minnesota the opportunity to learn about and
1.11 appreciate the Latino community and their contributions to our state.

1.12 (b) As a community organizer, Chavez improved the lives and working conditions of
1.13 millions of Latinos nationwide. He dedicated his life to advocating for labor rights, political
1.14 representation for racial and ethnic minorities, environmental justice, registering voters,
1.15 and improving literacy for farm workers to enable them to become United States citizens.