

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 301—ASSEMBLYMEN KIHUEN, DENIS, MUNFORD; ANDERSON, ARBERRY, BOBZIEN, BUCKLEY, CHRISTENSEN, CLABORN, KIRKPATRICK, LESLIE, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, OCEGUERA, PARNELL, PIERCE, SEGERBLOM, SMITH AND SPIEGEL

MARCH 11, 2009

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Requires the Governor to proclaim March 31 as “Cesar Chavez Day” in the State of Nevada. (BDR 19-530)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to days of observance; requiring the Governor annually to proclaim March 31 to be “Cesar Chavez Day”; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law sets forth certain days of observance in this State to commemorate
2 certain persons or occasions or to publicize information regarding certain important
3 topics. (NRS 236.018-236.075) This bill requires the Governor annually to
4 proclaim March 31 to be “Cesar Chavez Day” in the State of Nevada.

1 WHEREAS, March 31 is the anniversary of the birth of Cesar
2 Chavez; and

3 WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez began working in the fields of Arizona
4 and California as a migrant farm worker when he was 10 years of
5 age; and

6 WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez cofounded the United Farm Workers
7 of America, which became the first successful union for farm
8 workers in the Unites States; and

9 WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez was a civil rights activist committed to
10 the principles of social justice and respect for human dignity; and



1 WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez fought against economic and racial
2 discrimination through nonviolent means; and

3 WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez was a labor leader who organized farm
4 workers to campaign for safe and fair working conditions,
5 reasonable wages and a prohibition on child labor; and

6 WHEREAS, President Clinton posthumously awarded Cesar
7 Chavez the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor the
8 United States Government awards to civilians; and

9 WHEREAS, The State of Nevada desires to recognize the many
10 contributions Cesar Chavez made to the State of Nevada and the
11 United States; now, therefore,

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13 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
14 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:
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16 **Section 1.** Chapter 236 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
17 thereto a new section to read as follows:

18 *1. The Governor shall annually proclaim March 31 to be*
19 *“Cesar Chavez Day” in the State of Nevada.*

20 *2. The proclamation may call upon the news media,*
21 *educators, business and labor leaders and appropriate*
22 *governmental officers to bring to the attention of Nevada residents*
23 *the important contributions Cesar Chavez made to the State of*
24 *Nevada and the United States.*

25 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

