

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF THE  
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Resolution No. 1920-2033**

**Honoring the Life of Activist Dolores Huerta - April 10, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, on July 18, 2018 Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill 2644, introduced by Assembly member 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’s famed lobbying efforts were crucial in securing Aide for Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and disability insurance for farm workers in the State of California in 1963; 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

**WHEREAS**, for over 60 years beginning in the 1960’s, Huerta lobbied in Sacramento and Washington D.C., organized field strikes, directed UFW boycotts, led farm worker 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 2002 Dolores Huerta founded the Dolores Huerta Foundation, which recruits and empowers grassroots leaders in low-income communities to attain social justice by organizing volunteer organizations called Vecinos Unidos (United Neighborhoods) to work on issues in education, health, the environment, civic engagement and economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, Dolores Huerta has received numerous awards, among them the California State Senate's Outstanding Labor Leader Award, the ACLU Roger Baldwin Medal of Liberty Award, the Eugene V. Debs Foundation Outstanding American Award, the Ellis Island Medal of Freedom Award, the Consumer's Union Trumpeter's Award, Ms. Magazine's "Woman of the Year" for 1998, the Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award from President Clinton in 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, Dolores Huerta was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1993, and served on the Board of Regents of the University of California; and

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

**WHEREAS**, her rallying cry of "Sí Se Puede" continues to call us to fight for the changes our communities need to thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, members of society will benefit from having the opportunity to learn more about this leader for social justice and civil rights, empowering them to fight for fair representation, voting rights, and equitable education,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District does hereby adopt this Resolution to honor a national civil rights and labor leader in America on or around April 10th Dolores Huerta Day.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** all employees of Oakland Unified School District are encouraged 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 by the following vote:

PREFERENTIAL AYE: None

PREFERENTIAL NAY: None

PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION: None

PREFERENTIAL RECUSAL: None

AYE: Aimee Eng, Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Gary Yee, Roseann Torres, James Harris, Vice President Shanthi Gonzales and President Jody London

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

RECUSED: None

ABSENT: Student Directors Mica Smith-Dahl and Denilson Garibo

**CERTIFICATION**

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held on February 12, 2020.

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President, Board of Education



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Board of Education