CITY OF LAFAYETTE
PROCLAMATION

"César Chávez Day of Service and Learning"

WHEREAS, César Estrada Chávez was born, March 31, 1927, on a small family ranch near Yuma, Arizona. After serving in WWII, he returned to farm labor in California and began advocating for farm workers' rights; and

WHEREAS, César Chávez' influence has made a lasting impact on farm labor issues and inspired millions of Latinos to achieve educational and political success; and

WHEREAS, César Chavez' leadership will be remembered for utilizing the principles of nonviolence and service to community; and

WHEREAS, César Chávez founded the National Farm Workers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers of America, the first successful farm workers' union in United States history; and

WHEREAS, Under Chávez' leadership, they won the first collective bargaining rights for farm workers, significantly improving the quality of life for farm workers throughout the United States, including the City of Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, César Chávez passed away on April 23, 1993, and in 1994 was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in the United States; and

WHEREAS, César Chávez' birthday, March 31, is recognized as a holiday by the State of Colorado and individuals and organizations throughout this nation will celebrate his life and work;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lafayette, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2014 as "César Chávez Day in Lafayette, and authorize the temporary renaming of Crossing Drive to César Chávez Avenue from March 19, 2014 to April 30, 2014

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18TH DAY OF MARCH, 2014.

CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO

By _____
Christine Berg, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Koster, CMC
City Clerk