



To: NNLAMS Members and Chapters

From: NNLAMS Board of Directors and Officers

Re: Cesar Estrada Chavez Day and National Latino Health Day, March 31st

Cesar Chavez Day, March 31st, is celebrated in many states and other communities across the country to honor the legacy of "one of the heroic figures of our time." Chavez led the historic non-violent movement for farm worker rights and inspired millions to commit to social, economic and civil rights activism.

NNLAMS has passed a resolution to become a part of honoring and supporting his legacy to educate, inspire and empower the community. March 31st (or the Friday before that weekend) will be a day when all NNLAMS chapters nationwide act in solidarity by remembering the life of Cesar Chavez. It will also be National Latino Health Day, an occasion to take the time to focus on health issues affecting Latinos in the US and/or abroad. The resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, NNLAMS supports the purpose of fostering and enlarging the opportunities for health education, health access, professional health training, civil rights, job opportunities, housing, economic development and welfare of all Latino people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Cesar Estrada Chavez performed and lived for our Latino Culture and its people via numerous noteworthy actions and,

WHEREAS, many States and Counties have commenced to give this great man his "rightful due" by declaring a day of celebration or Holiday in his name and,

WHEREAS, the United States has a Latino Community which is growing by leaps and bounds on a daily basis and,

WHEREAS, there are a limited number of known Latino role models in the United States for our youth to copy and follow,

WHEREAS, there is currently not a special day for the reflection and discussion of health issues focusing on Latinos,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the National Network of Latin American Medical Students (NNLAMS) is strongly supporting and

advocating that Cesar Estrada Chavez Day be declared an official NNLAMS national event. ***NNLAMS is calling on all of the membership and any and all allies of this proposal to show their support and to organize an event on March 31st or on the weekday and that falls closest to that date that will focus on the life of Cesar Chavez and Latino Health Care Issues.***

POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- a) Film screening, e.g. Fight In The Fields or Latino Health Documentary. (Making a Latino Health Documentary would be a great project; there are not many available)
- b) Guest speaker on Latina/o Health (e.g. A physician or health specialist in the area or medical school).
- c) Set up a one-day Mobile Clinic/Health Fair in a predominantly Latino community.

For more ideas, please visit: http://www.ufw.org/_board.php?b_code=cre_youth

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please contact NNLAMS Membership Chair (www.nnlams.com).

In solidarity,

NNLAMS Executive Board and Officers