

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING LUIS NIEVES FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO THE DAY WORKER COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Luis Nieves has been a dedicated member of the Santa Cruz County Day Worker Committee since 2020, serving with distinction and commitment to improve the lives of day workers in our community; and

WHEREAS, for the past three years, Luis has served as the President of the Day Worker Committee, demonstrating exemplary leadership while volunteering an estimated 50 hours each month to advance the work of the Day Worker Center; and

WHEREAS, Luis has facilitated weekly General Assemblies to educate day workers on essential job readiness skills, focusing on work ethics and preparing workers for success in various trades; and

WHEREAS, Luis has earned OSHA Certification, enabling him to train fellow day workers on workplace safety standards, ensuring their knowledge and ability to protect themselves on the job; and

WHEREAS, Luis has led outreach efforts at home improvement stores, engaging with day workers seeking opportunities, particularly those waiting at street corners, and helping them find stable employment; and

WHEREAS, Luis launched and championed the Salud Seguridad Project, a program dedicated to increasing awareness and training on workplace safety, which was named in his honor to recognize his unwavering commitment to the day worker community; and

WHEREAS, Luis has represented the voices of day workers at key forums in Los Angeles, New York, and Napa, advocating for the needs, rights, and perspectives of day workers across different regions; and

WHEREAS, Luis supported farm worker outreach during the Reiter Camp efforts, ensuring that farm workers were informed and supported during critical times; and

WHEREAS, during the Pajaro Floods, Luis led day workers in community relief efforts by bagging sand for affected areas, showcasing his dedication to both the day worker community and the broader public; and

WHEREAS, Luis' tireless work, outstanding leadership, and selfless dedication have uplifted the lives of countless day workers and strengthened the entire community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Felipe Hernandez, Santa Cruz County Fourth District Supervisor, hereby honor Luis Nieves for his outstanding leadership and service to the day worker community, express my gratitude for his contributions and commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of others.





Member, Board of Supervisors

December 14, 2024

Date