

## RESOLUTION NO. 1870

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD  
SUPPORTING CESAR CHAVEZ AND THE UNITED FARM WORKERS  
UNION IN THEIR EFFORTS TO BAN THE USE OF  
PESTICIDES ON DOMESTICALLY GROWN  
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

WHEREAS Cesar Chavez, President of the United Farm Workers Union has recently ended a 36 day water fast, to protest the use of pesticides in our food supply; and,

WHEREAS, pesticides are poisons that are destructive to the environment and dangerous to the health of farm workers and consumers; and,

WHEREAS, the World Resources Institute estimates that 300,000 farm workers are poisoned by pesticides each year; and,

WHEREAS, two 1986 studies by the U.S. General Accounting Office report that consumers are poorly protected from illegal pesticide residues on both imported and domestically produced fruits and vegetables; and,

WHEREAS, a 1987 research report from the National Academy of Sciences warns that 28 pesticide residues found in 15 commonly eaten foods such as tomatoes and grapes pose a threat of dietary cancer.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Soledad support Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers in their effort to ban the use of dangerous and cancer causing pesticides on domestically produced fruits and vegetables;

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Soledad at a regular meeting duly held on the 24th day of August, 1988, by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Councilmembers: Campos,  
Ledesma, Untalon, Mayor Ortiz  
NOES, Councilmembers: Slagle  
ABSENT, Councilmembers: None

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD