May 7, 2021 – Introduced by Representatives ANDERSON, CABRERA, ORTIZ-VELEZ, BROSTOFF, HESSELBEIN, S. RODRIGUEZ, EMERSON, DRAKE, SINICKI, NEUBAUER, HINTZ, L. MYERS, GOYKE, MILROY, HONG, HEBL, SPREITZER, SHELTON, VINING, OHNSTAD, BOWEN, MOORE OMOKUNDE, STUBBS and SUBECK, cosponsored by Senators CARPENTER, WIRCH, ROYS, LARSON, RINGHAND, AGARD and ERPENBACH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: proclaiming March 31, 2021, as Cesar Chavez Day in the state of Wisconsin.

Whereas, Cesar Chavez was born March 31, 1927, near Yuma, Arizona; and

Whereas, Cesar Chavez is revered as a prominent Hispanic American civil rights and labor rights activist for his work organizing migrant farm workers in California; and

Whereas, Chavez became a migrant farm worker in California while in middle school to support his family; and

Whereas, he joined the United States Navy in 1946 and served for two years; and

Whereas, Chavez became an organizer for and eventually the national director of the Community Service Organization, where he focused on voter registration for Mexican Americans; and

Whereas, Cesar Chavez founded and ran the National Farm Workers Association in 1962, which became the United Farm Workers; and
Whereas, the United Farm Workers organized thousands of migrant farm workers and came to represent more than 50,000 agricultural workers; and

Whereas, Chavez, through nonviolent protests, boycotts, marches, and hunger strikes, successfully secured union contracts and improved working conditions and wages for thousands of migrant farm workers; and

Whereas, Chavez is famous for his slogan, “Si, se puede,” which is Spanish for “Yes, we can”; and

Whereas, Cesar Chavez was honored following his death on April 23, 1993, by more than 50,000 mourners, including fellow labor activists; and

Whereas, Cesar Chavez received the Presidential Medal of Freedom posthumously in 1994; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin Legislature proclaim March 31, 2021, as Cesar Chavez Day in the state of Wisconsin.

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