

# DENVER CITY COUNCIL



## Proclamation No. 26-0378 A Proclamation Commemorating Sí Se Puede Day

**WHEREAS** Dolores Huerta is credited for the rallying cry, "Sí Se Puede," which means "Yes It's Possible" or "Yes we Can." This is the rallying cry that is most closely associated with the United Farm Workers Movement and for many, it has become the empowering cry of multiple generations; and

**WHEREAS** Dolores Huerta was born on April 10, 1930, in Dawson, New Mexico but spent most of her early life in the Central Valley of California, where she connected to the worker movement that she would tirelessly fight for, becoming a transformative figure in the farm labor movement; and

**WHEREAS** Dolores Huerta, so routinely spoken in connection with Cesar Chavez, must be honored in her own right as an inspirational force because not only did she lead with honor and dignity in pursuit of justice, she did so while being the target of sexual abuse and intimidation; and

**WHEREAS** Dolores Huerta, Ana Murguía, and Debra Rojas recently broke their silence about the abuse they endured as young girls and young women by Cesar Chavez, we affirm our solidarity with them, recognizing their courage in coming forward and the profound impact of the harm they experienced.

**WHEREAS** communities across the country feel the devastation at these accusations and the reality that these powerful women held silence for so long, we turn back to "Sí Se Puede" and remember we have the power and responsibility to persist; and

**WHEREAS** Dolores Huerta, a heroine to so many and about to turn 96 years old, in sharing her pain also revealed something so important, that it is never too late to tell your truth; and

**WHEREAS** Dolores Huerta will forever be associated with her lifelong fight standing up for farmworkers, women, children, immigrants, LGBTQ+ rights, reproductive rights, and all social justice movements, we lift up the many generations who carry forward every movement's mission.

### **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE DENVER CITY COUNCIL:**

**Section 1.** That the Denver City Council hereby recognizes March 31, 2026 as Sí Se Puede Day.

**Section 2.** That the Clerk and Recorder of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL March 23, 2026

Signed by:

*Amanda P. Sandoval*

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PRESIDENT

