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5 *Whereas, Indiana's agribusiness employs over 30,000*
6 *year-round, seasonal and migrant farmworkers who are key*
7 *partners for the safety, security, and sustainability of our food*
8 *supply;*

9 *Whereas, The labor of Indiana's farmworkers contributes*
10 *billions of dollars annually to the state's economy, and*
11 *agriculture continues to be one of the principal industries in the*
12 *state;*

13 *Whereas, Indiana honors all those who plant, cultivate,*
14 *harvest, and process our agricultural products;*

15 *Whereas, March 31 is the birthday of Cesar Chavez, whose*
16 *dedication and nonviolent organizing for just wages, safe labor*
17 *conditions, and the dignity of the women, men, and children*
18 *who toil in the fields moved him to lead a nationwide peaceful*
19 *struggle for farmworker justice that continues today;*

20 *Whereas, Proteus, Inc. is an Iowa-based private 501(c)(3)*
21 *nonprofit organization that has been serving migrant and*
22 *seasonal farmworkers, immigrants, and others since 1979;*

23 *Whereas, In addition to offices in Iowa, Proteus serves a*
24 *constituency in Indiana and Nebraska;*



1 *Whereas, Proteus, Inc. was created to help provide*
2 *communities with health, educational, and economic*
3 *opportunities;*

4 *Whereas, To achieve its goals, Proteus strives to make its*
5 *programs accessible to as many members of the community as*
6 *possible; embraces diversity in its staff, recipients of its*
7 *services, program delivery, and in programs as a whole;*
8 *develops a culture of respect and acceptance in its organization*
9 *and general community; creates, evaluates, and maintains*
10 *programs to meet the changing needs of communities; and*
11 *treats all people in an honest, caring, and respectful manner;*
12 *and*

13 *Whereas, The agricultural industry is strong throughout*
14 *our state, and the strength of the industry's workers continue to*
15 *keep it great: Therefore,*

16 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
17 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*
18 *concurring:*

19 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly
20 recognizes the efforts of Indiana's farmworkers and their many
21 contributions to the agricultural industry in our state. The
22 members of the Indiana Senate also recognize the contributions
23 of Cesar Chavez and acknowledge him on his birthday.
24 Organizations like Proteus, Inc. help to bring a fair wage and
25 safe and secure working environments to all the members of
26 Indiana's agricultural labor force.

27 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
28 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Kokomo chapter of
29 Proteus, Inc.

