



## De Colores

De Colores, de colores se visten los campos en la primavera.  
De Colores, de colores son los pajarillos que vienen de afuera.  
De Colores, de colores es el arco iris que vemos lucir.  
Y por eso los grandes amores, de muchos colores me gustan a mi.  
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Canta el gallo, canta el gallo con el quiri, quiri, quiri, quiri, quiri.  
La gallina, la gallina con el cara, cara, cara, cara, cara.  
Los polluelos, los polluelos con el pio, pio, pio, pio, pi.  
Y por eso los grandes amores, de muchos colores me gustan a mi.  
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De Colores, de colores brillantes y finos se viste la aurora,  
De Colores, de colores son los mil reflejos que el sol atesora,  
De Colores, de colores es el diamante que vemos lucir.  
Y por eso los grandes amores, de muchos colores me gustan a mi.  
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## Thank You

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# Bill Signing Ceremony Senate Bill 352

Honoring  
**Cesar E. Chavez**



## Si Se Puede

**A man of vision, passion,  
and determination**

December 3, 2003

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**Cesar E. Chavez**  
**1927-1993**

Cesar E. Chavez was born in Yuma, Ariz. A migrant farmworker in his youth—he attended 65 elementary schools and never graduated from high school—he became a community and labor organizer of agricultural workers in the 1950s.

In 1962 he started the National Farm Workers Association, based in California and the Southwest among the mainly Chicano (Mexican-Americans) and Filipino farmworkers. In 1966 this union was chartered by the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations as the United Farm Workers of America; he remained its president until his death. He first attracted national attention when in 1965 he struck the table grape growers in California by calling for a national boycott; this first such strike and boycott lasted five years and ended with the first major victory for migrant workers in the U.S.A. At the time of his death he was leading yet another national boycott of grapes to protest the use of pesticides harmful to workers. He went on three hunger strikes—25 days in 1968, 24 days in 1972, and 36 days in 1988—and it was believed that these produced physical damage that hastened his death.

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**About Senate Bill 352**

On March 27, 2003, State Senator Samuel “Buzz” Thomas III introduced Senate Bill 352, designating March 31 as Cesar E. Chavez Day in the State of Michigan. This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Local, Urban, and State Affairs, where Senator Thomas testified before his colleagues gaining their support to send the bill to the entire Senate for a vote. June 11, 2003 was the first hurdle the bill crossed when the State Senate voted in favor of the legislation, sending it to the House of Representatives for their consideration before becoming law.

After much debate, the House of Representatives on October 30, 2003 approved the legislation with amendments, and sent the bill back to the Senate for its concurrence. It was presented to the Governor, for her signature on November 20, 2003.

Today, we come together to witness this historic day in Michigan, as Governor Jennifer M. Granholm signs SB 352, designating March 31 Cesar E. Chavez Day in the State of Michigan.

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**Program**

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**Welcome**

**John Roy Castillo**, Director  
Cristo Rey Community Center

**Marylou Olivarez Mason**, Chair of the Board of  
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Cristo Rey Community Center

**Remarks by a representative of the City of Lansing Cesar E. Chavez Commission**

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Sponsor of Senate Bill 352

**Governor Jennifer M. Granholm**

**Signing Ceremony for SB 352**

**Mariache Everett de Lansing – De Colores**

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