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Media Alert

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:
National History Day – Tulare County
February 22, 8:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
TCOE Administration Building, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia**

The annual National History Day – Tulare County event will be held Tuesday, February 22 from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Tulare County Office of Education Administration Building, 6200 South Mooney Boulevard in Visalia. **Due to size limitations and COVID-19 protocols, this event is not open to the public.**

This year, 168 elementary, middle and high school students from 11 Tulare County schools will present 94 projects at the competition.

National History Day (NHD) is a theme-based research program that showcases original presentations by students in grades 4-12 pertaining to historical issues, ideas, people and events. Students may choose any topic in local, national or world history and explore its significance relative to the annual theme, which for 2022 is *Debate & Diplomacy in History*.

Students compete in three grade categories: 4-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Students in grades 4-5 compete in the two-

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dimensional category only. Students in the two upper-grade categories present findings through one of the following categories: historical paper, exhibit, performance, documentary, or historical website. Except for the historical paper category, students may collaborate in groups of up to five students, or they may work individually. At the event, presentations are evaluated by local historians and educators who look for a balance of perspectives in the project. The “Best of Event” presentations will be held in the Redwood Conference Center at 1:00 p.m.

National History Day – Tulare County provides students with special learning experiences that extend beyond the projects they have prepared. In the lobby throughout the morning, students can visit a variety of hands-on, history-related stations.

At 1:00 p.m., Dolores Huerta, civil rights activist and community organizer, will speak to students. Huerta has worked for labor rights and social justice for over 50 years. In 1962, she and Cesar Chavez founded the United Farm Workers union. She served as vice president and played a critical role in many of the union’s accomplishments for four decades. In 2002, she received the Puffin/Nation \$100,000 prize for Creative Citizenship, which she used to establish the Dolores Huerta Foundation (DHF). DHF works to connect groundbreaking community-based efforts to state and national movements to register and educate voters; advocate for education reform; bring about infrastructure improvements to low-income communities; advocate for greater equality for the LGBT community; and create strong leadership development. Huerta has received numerous awards, including the Eleanor Roosevelt Humans Rights Award from President Clinton in 1998. In 2012, President Obama bestowed Huerta with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in the United States.

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At 1:45 p.m., students whose projects were chosen as “Best of Event” will be invited to make presentations to the audience. The awards ceremony will begin at 2:15 p.m. with scholarships presented to support students as they move to the state competition, being held virtually in May.

For more information, contact Paula Terrill at (559) 651-0565 or visit tcoe.org/historyday.

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