

Proclamation

Recognizing

May 1, 2026, as International Workers' Day

WHEREAS, May 1 is recognized and celebrated around the world as International Workers' Day, also known as May Day, honoring the contributions and achievements of workers across all industries; and

WHEREAS, the origins of May Day trace back to the United States labor movement, including the 1886 movement for the eight-hour workday, which advanced fundamental labor protections that continue to benefit workers today; and

WHEREAS, workers in the City of Orange and throughout Orange County play a vital role in supporting the local economy, providing essential services, and contributing to the social and cultural fabric of the community; and

WHEREAS, immigrant workers have historically and continue to contribute significantly to the economic vitality, diversity, and resilience of communities throughout California, including the City of Orange; and

WHEREAS, the labor movement has contributed to important advancements in workplace safety, fair wages, healthcare access, and civil rights, improving quality of life for workers and families; and

WHEREAS, many workers continue to face challenges including economic inequality, workplace safety concerns, and barriers to fair labor practices; and

WHEREAS, recognizing International Workers' Day provides an opportunity to acknowledge the dignity of work and the importance of supporting policies that promote equitable and safe working conditions for all workers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dan Slater, Mayor of the City of Orange, on behalf of the City and entire City Council, do hereby recognize May 1, 2026, as International Workers' Day in the City of Orange and encourage residents, businesses, and community organizations to acknowledge the contributions of workers and to support efforts that promote fair and safe working conditions.

DATED this _____ day of _____ 2026.

Daniel R. Slater, Mayor