

# CALENDAR OF GRASSROOTS VENEZUELA SOLIDARITY ACTIONS

A successful national and international Venezuela solidarity movement is dependant on building grassroots, locally-based actions and organizations, coordinated nationally and internationally. As part of the building of such a network, the following calendar of actions was approved by acclamation by the Venezuela Solidarity Conference held in Washington, DC, March 4-6, 2006, to be to be coordinated and implemented over the coming year by the conferencce participants and any future Venezuela Solidarity Network chapters or affiliates. Because conditions are subject to unexpected and rapid change, this calendar is, and will remain, tentative and flexible.

**We propose the following dates as the focus of our nationwide, coordinated organizing efforts:**

## **April 11-19, 2006**

### **WEEK OF ACTION TO COMMEMORATE THE REVERSAL OF THE APRIL 2002 COUP AND VENEZUELA'S STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE:**

April 11 is the anniversary of the 2002 U.S.-backed coup against the democratically-elected government of Hugo Chavez. By April 14, in an unprecedented example of the power of the grass roots, the Venezuelan masses had reversed the coup and brought President Chavez back to power. This event marked a decisive turning point in the revolutionary process. March 19 is the anniversary of the start of Venezuela's Struggle for Independence. During this week, we will organize demonstrations, educational, and cultural activities in solidarity with Venezuela.

## **August 15, 2006**

### **ANNIVERSARY OF CHAVEZ' VICTORY AGAINST THE U.S.-FUNDED RECALL REFERENDUM:**

The 90 percent voter turnout and overwhelming rejection of the recall referendum marked another turning point in the Bolivarian Revolution. Millions of Venezuelans made it clear that they support President Chavez and the policies he is implementing. We will organize a national day of action to defend the sovereignty of the Venezuelan people.

## **December 2, 2006**

### **SECOND INTERNATIONAL VENEZUELA SOLIDARITY DAY:**

The first international day of solidarity was held on December 2nd, 2005, to mark the anniversary of the Monroe Doctrine. Presidential elections in Venezuela are scheduled for this weekend as well. We will mobilize to reject the Monroe Doctrine, the Roosevelt Corollary, and the Bush Doctrine. We will mobilize to send a message of encouragement and solidarity to the Venezuelan people, and to resist to U.S. attempts to buy or otherwise influence the elections. Hands Off Venezuela and Latin America!

## **February 4, 2007**

**EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOLIVARIAN REVOLUTION:** A massive march in Caracas on this date in 2006 highlighted the continued energy and determination

of the Venezuelan people to defend their process against all aggressors. Let's join them in activities across North America in a show of solidarity. We will organize a day of cultural and educational events to celebrate the Bolivarian Revolution.

## **OTHER DATES OF INTEREST:**

### **March 18-20th**

**NATIONAL ANTI-WAR DEMOS:** Organize Venezuela solidarity contingents for local and national anti-war rallies; get involved in organizing and try to get Venezuela discussed by at least one speaker.

### **July 4th and 5th**

**U.S. AND VENEZUELAN INDEPENDENCE DAYS:** Venezuela solidarity activists are encouraged to engage in local leafleting, demonstrations, and educational events urging people to Boycott Oil Wars, Buycott for Real Democracy: Buy Citgo!!! Demands: Respect Venezuelan Democracy and Sovereignty; Real Democracy for the USA!

### **July 24th**

**BIRTHDAY OF SIMON BOLIVAR:** The birthday of the Venezuelan-born "Libertador", who fought for the liberation and unification of Latin America, is celebrated by millions across the region. Let's join them by organizing educational events and activities to discuss the modern relevance of Bolivar's dream.

### **October 12th**

### **DIA DE LA RESISTENCIA INDIGENA / INDIGENOUS RESISTANCE DAY (VENEZUELA'S RENAMING OF COLUMBUS DAY):**

Venezuela solidarity activists are encouraged to participate in anti-Columbus Day activities taking place around the country; raising the question of Venezuela as a prime example of modern day resistance to imperialism in Latin America.

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