

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No.

Adopt Resolution proclaiming October 5 through October 21, 2012 as “*Binational Health Week*” in Monterey County

WHEREAS, the Secretariats of Health and Foreign Affairs of Mexico, and the Foreign Affairs Ministries of Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, as well as the Institute for Mexicans Abroad, the Mexican Social Security Institute, the National Secretariat for Migrants, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Departments of Public Health, The California Endowment, California HealthCare Foundation, the Council of Mexican Federations in North America, and the Health Initiative of the Americas, a program of the University of California, Berkeley, School of Public Health have recognized the necessity of improving access to health care and public health information to the Latino community at the US-Mexico border and throughout the State of California; and

WHEREAS, improving health in migrant populations requires multiple approaches in service, design, delivery and funding priorities, and most fundamentally requires strong bi-national commitment; and

WHEREAS, beginning October 2001 the Health Initiative of the Americas, unprecedented effort overseen by multi-agency task forces, has conducted health promotion activities in 42 California counties, as well as in 31 other U.S. states and 27 Mexican states, involving over 500 community -based organizations; and

WHEREAS, California shares a population with Mexico, Canada, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Columbia and a need to share common strategies to address this population’s health needs; *Binational Health Week* reflects coordinated efforts between these countries to generate a dynamic dialogue and to improve the quality of life for immigrant families by expanding their access to healthcare; and

WHEREAS, *Binational Health Week* is a bilateral collaborative effort between HIA and Mexican Secretary of Health and Foreign Affairs, with the active participation of state and local organizations; and

WHEREAS, *Binational Health Week* provides an opportunity to highlight critical health issues in the Latino community within Monterey County, as well as throughout the United States, and will serve as the basis for future bilateral efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors that in honor of these efforts to improve public health for the Latino Community, the week of **October 5-21, 2012** be declared, “*The Twelfth Annual Binational Health Week*” throughout Monterey County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this _____ day of _____, 2012 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book _____, for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, County of
Monterey, State of California.

By _____
Deputy