

Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

BI-NATIONAL HEALTH WEEK OCTOBER 9-15TH, 2005

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors would like to proclaim October 9 to the 15th as Bi-National Health Week; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2000 United States Census, California is home to more than 3.45 million people of Mexican origin, 3.7 million who were born in Mexico; and

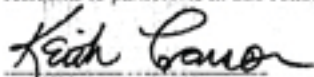
WHEREAS, according to the last U. S. census Alameda County Hispanic/Latino adults and children are more likely to be living in poverty and are significantly more likely to lack health care coverage more than any other racial or ethnic group; and

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

WHEREAS, the Secretariat of Health and the Secretariat of Foreign Relations of the United Mexican States, the Health Commission of the Institute for Mexicans Abroad (IME), the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission, the University of California, and the California Mexico Health Initiative have recognized the necessity of improving access to health services for migrant and immigrant workers, and their families in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the Bi-National Health Week reflects the coordinated efforts between California and Mexico to improve the quality of life of immigrant families by expanding their access to health care, increasing their health insurance coverage, and reducing their unmet health needs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alameda County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim October 9-15th, 2005 as Bi-National Health Week in Alameda County and encourages county residents to participate in this commemorative event.



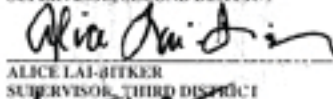
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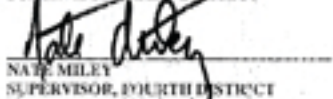
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