

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF DEL NORTE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**PROCLAMATION**

**A PROCLAMATION CALLING ON ALL THE PEOPLE OF DEL NORTE  
COUNTY TO JOIN THE PEOPLE OF MEXICO AND ALL CALIFORNIANS OF  
MEXICAN ORIGIN IN OBSERVING AND PARTICIPATING IN THE 5<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNUAL BI-NATIONAL HEALTH WEEK, TO TAKE PLACE THE WEEK OF  
OCTOBER 8-16, 2005**

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

**WHEREAS**, Mexican origin migrants/immigrants and their families have limited access to health care; and

**WHEREAS**, Seventy-seven percent of Latinos in California are of Mexican origin; and

**WHEREAS**, Forty-four percent of the Mexican immigrants in the United States are in California; and

**WHEREAS**, Ninety-one percent of California's hired agricultural workers were born in Mexico; and

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

**WHEREAS**, in October 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004, the California-Mexico Health Initiative (CMHI), a program of the California Policy Research Center, the University of California Office of the President and partnering organizations convened the first of four Bi-national Health Weeks; an unprecedented effort overseen by multi-agency task forces, which conducted health promotion activities involving over 500 of community based organizations from 26 California counties and 17 Mexican states; and

**WHEREAS,** Bi-national Health Week reflects 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; and

**WHEREAS,** Bi-National Health Week is a bilateral collaborative effort between CMHI and the Mexican Secretary Health (SSA) and Foreign Affairs (SRE) with the active participation of state and local organizations. In California, the Department of Health Services (DHS), border health organizations, Mexican consulates, the Latino Legislative Caucus, community clinics and community based organizations endorses this effort;

**WHEREAS,** California and Mexico share a population and they need to share common strategies to address this population's needs.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors calls on all the people of Del Norte County to join the people of Mexico and all Californians of Mexican origin in observing and participating in Bi-National Health Week to take place the week of October 8-16, 2005.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED,** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2005



Martha McClure, Chair  
Board of Supervisors  
County of Del Norte