

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF MERCED, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of )

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE )  
CALIFORNIA-MEXICO HEALTH INITIATIVE )

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-158

WHEREAS, the California-Mexico Health Initiative (CMHI) was created in January 2001 under the auspices of the California Policy Research Center of the University of California, Office of the President; and,

WHEREAS, the CMHI is a collaborative effort involving government, academia, private sector, and community-based organizations of both countries; and,

WHEREAS, the CMHI's objective is to coordinate and optimize the availability of health resources for Mexican immigrants and their families through bilateral training, research, and health promotion activities and facilitate the development of complementary and coordinated projects involving key stakeholders in Mexico and the United States; and,

WHEREAS, CMHI activities involve three main areas that include development and implementation of bilateral agreements and cooperative projects to achieve the best use of existing resources and to establish new initiatives; health promotion and education projects, including bi-national health campaigns, publications, and dissemination of culturally sensitive health-related materials; and training of health professionals, including doctors, nurses, medical students, clinic administrators, and outreach workers, focusing on the specific health needs of the Mexican origin population; and,

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

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

WHEREAS, according to the 2000 United States Census, California is home to more than 8.45 million people of Mexican origin, 3.7 million of whom were born in Mexico; and,

WHEREAS, eighty-seven percent of Latinos in Merced County are of Mexican origin; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Merced County Board of Supervisors hereby supports California-Mexico Health Initiative in promoting good health in the County of Merced.

I, DEMITRIOS O. TATUM, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Merced, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was regularly introduced, passed and adopted by said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on September 20, 2005 by the following vote:

**Supervisors**

AYES: JERRY O'BANION, JOHN PEDROZO, KATHLEEN M. CROOKHAM,  
MIKE NELSON, DEIDRE F. KELSEY

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of this Board this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005.

DEMITRIOS O. TATUM, Clerk

By Cathy Hegarty  
Deputy