

County of Orange

Bi-National Health Week October 8th – 16th 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 Mexican Consulate, the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission, the University of California, and the 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, This years Bi-national Health Week will take place the week of October 8th – 16th and is dedicated to promoting and encouraging health access for Mexican migrants/immigrants and their families who have limited or no health access; 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, seventy-seven percent of Latinos in California are of Mexican origin, and forty-four percent of all Mexican immigrants in the United States are in California; 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, each year over 500 community-based organizations, from 26 California counties and 17 Mexican States, and over 1,000 people participated in the planning and implementing of activities for Bi-national Health Week; and

WHEREAS, over 75,000 people received direct health care services during the 2004 Bi-National Health Week; and

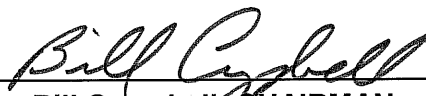
WHEREAS, Bi-national Health Week reflects coordinated efforts between California and Mexico to improve the quality of life of immigrant families by expanding their access to health care, increasing their health insurance coverage, and reducing their unmet health needs; and

WHEREAS, the objective of Bi-national Health Week is to generate a dynamic dialogue between California and Mexico representatives, and to promote the vision of CMHI which is "the health of California is the health of its immigrants"; and


WHEREAS, California and Mexico share a population, and need to work towards sharing common strategies to address this population's health needs;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Orange County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim October 8th to October 16th, 2005 as Bi-National Health Week in Orange County.

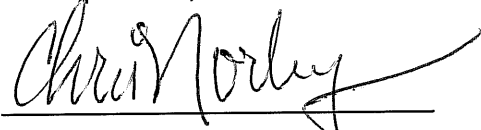
This 30th Day of September



Bill Campbell, CHAIRMAN
Supervisor, Third District



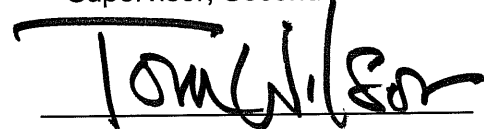
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