

Proclamation

City and County of San Francisco

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, according to the 2000 United States Census, California is home to more than 8.4 million people of Mexican origin, 3.7 million of whom 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 binational commitment; and

WHEREAS, Binational 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, California and Mexico share a population and they need to share common strategies to address this population's health needs; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Gavin Newsom, Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, do hereby proclaim the week of October 11 through 18, 2004 as...

BINATIONAL HEALTH WEEK *In San Francisco!*



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City and County of San Francisco to be affixed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom".

Gavin Newsom
Mayor