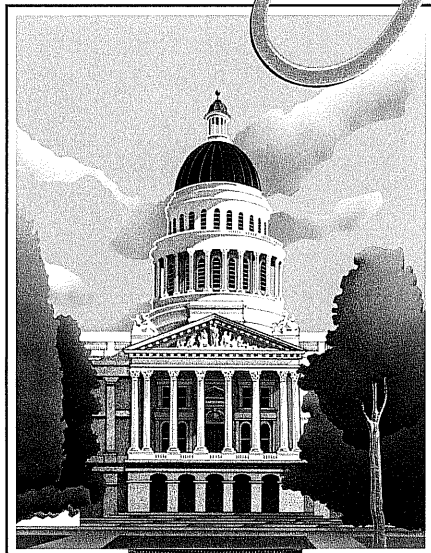


Assembly



RESOLUTION

By the Honorable Fabian Núñez
Speaker of the California State Assembly; Relative to commending

US-Mexico Binational Health Week

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 8.45 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

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 binational 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 four Binational 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, Over 1,000 people participated in planning and implementing activities, and over 75,000 people received direct health care services during the 2004 Binational Health Week; 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, The California-Mexico Health Initiative (CMHI) operates in California, and in the states of origin of workers in Mexico; and

Whereas, Binational Health Week is a bilateral collaborative effort between CMHI and the Mexican Secretary of Health (SSA) and Foreign Affairs (SRE), with the active participation of state and local organizations, and in California, the Department of Health Services (DHS), border-health organizations, Mexican consulates, the Latino Legislative Caucus, community clinics and community-based organizations endorse this effort; and

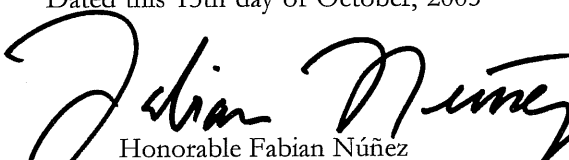
Whereas, The objective of Binational Health Week is to generate a dynamic dialogue between California and Mexico representatives, and the CMHI vision is "that the health of California is the health of its immigrants"; and

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 by the Speaker of the California State Assembly, Fabian Núñez, That he hereby calls upon the people of the State of California to join the people of Mexico and all Californians of Mexican origin in observing and participating in Binational Health Week, to take place the week of October 8 to October 17, 2005.

Members Resolution No. 2844

Dated this 13th day of October, 2005


Honorable Fabian Núñez
Speaker of the California State Assembly

