

A PROCLAMATION FOR THE CALIFORNIA-MEXICO HEALTH INITIATIVE

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT existing cooperative bilateral efforts between México and California, achieved through the Core Group of Migrant Health of the Mexico-United States Binational Commission;

ACKNOWLEDGING our shared commitment to better meet the health needs that confront migrants and their families, in accordance with the Joint Declaration on Migrant Health (of the U.S.-Mexico Binational Commission), signed on September 22, 2000;

RECOGNIZING the necessity of improving access to health services to migrant workers and their families in the state of California, as well as in their place of origin;

EMPHASIZING the importance of health promotion and the prevention of illness, and recognizing that health and disease know no borders;

REAFFIRMING that binational collaboration in matters of public health contributes to improving the quality of life of the populations of both México and California;

Therefore, the Secretariat of Health of the United Mexican States, the California Department of Health Services, and the University of California resolve to cooperate in a California-Mexico Health Initiative to:

COORDINATE efforts,

IMPROVE the quality of life for migrant workers and their families, and

PROMOTE binational health, health education, and disease prevention.

SIGNED in Los Angeles, California this 12th day of October of 2001, on two copies, in Spanish and English.

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