



**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION HONORING
CALIFORNIA-MEXICO BI-NATIONAL HEALTH WEEK
October 8-16, 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 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;
- 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, many of whom have limited access to health care;
- WHEREAS:** Improving the health of mobile populations requires multiple approaches in service design, delivery, funding priorities, and most of all, a strong binational commitment;
- WHEREAS:** October 2005 marks the fifth annual Binational Health Week convened by 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;
- WHEREAS:** This year also marks the first year that the Monument Community Partnership, an organization located in Congresswoman Tauscher's Congressional District in Concord, California, is participating;
- WHEREAS:** Binational Health Week now includes health promotion activities involving over 500 community-based organizations from 26 California counties and eight Mexican states; 1,000 service providers, and over 75,000 individuals receiving direct health services;
- 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";
- THEREFORE:** Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher recognizes October 8 to 16, 2005 as California-Mexico Binational Health Week, its international health benefits, the work of the Monument Community Partnership, and overall importance of this week for communities throughout California and Mexico.

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