

CITY OF SAN JOSE  
*Commendation*

- WHEREAS: California is home to nearly 8.5 million people of Mexican descent, including 3.7 million who were born in Mexico, who often face very limited access to health care; and
- WHEREAS: The California-Mexico Health Initiative has recognized that improving health services to migrant and immigrant workers and their families is a responsibility of both the Mexican and United States governments, and it has responded with "Bi-national Health Week" to raise awareness of the need to provide direct health care services in both countries; and
- WHEREAS: Bi-national Health Week began in California in 2001 and has expanded to 16 American states, the District of Columbia, and 17 Mexican states, and it now focuses on health priorities for Latinos and served over 600,000 people in 2004; and
- WHEREAS: Consul General Bruno Figueroa of Mexico has led local efforts in San José to increase public awareness and support for better health services for Mexicans and Mexican-Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Ron Gonzales, Mayor of San José, together with Councilmember Nora Campos and our colleagues on the City Council, on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2005, do hereby recognize and commend

**Bruno Figueroa, Consul General of Mexico, and the  
California-Mexico Health Initiative**

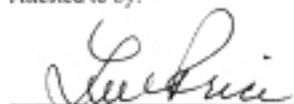
for their work in establishing Bi-national Health Week as a collaborative effort to raise public, government, and community awareness to ensure the health and well-being of all our residents.

  
The Honorable Ron Gonzales  
MAYOR

  
Nora Campos, Councilmember



Attested to by:

  
Lee Price, City Clerk