OFFICE OF THE MAYOR/CITY OF DALLAS

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Binational Health Week has become one of the largest mobilization efforts in the Americas to improve the health and well-being of underserved immigrants and migrants of Mexican and Central American origin living in the United States, Canada, and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Binational Health Week now encompasses a series of health promotion and health education activities that include: health fairs, vaccinations, screenings, enrollment to health insurance programs, referral to local services and education on how to stay healthy, as well as a symposium to enhance the knowledge and skills of how to deliver competent care to the Hispanic population; and

WHEREAS, Binational Health Week was originally organized in 2001 in California and has expanded through all United States, Canada, Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, generating a new dialogue and collaboration between the groups that give medical attention to Latinos in North and Central America; and

WHEREAS, Binational Health Week has been instrumental in promoting cooperation among health oriented organizations of the city of Dallas and the surrounding Metroplex, creating a network of volunteers working toward a common goal; and

WHEREAS, the city of Dallas recognizes that half a million, or forty-two percent of its population, are of Latino descent adding to the richness of culture and diversity to the region; and

WHEREAS, the city of Dallas supports preventive health care in the Latino community by promoting awareness about a range of topics including nutrition, obesity, diabetes, heart diseases, HIV/AIDS, mental health, etc. and supports the message of Binational Health Week.

NOW THEREFORE, I, TOM LEPPERT, mayor of the city of Dallas and on behalf of the Dallas City Council do hereby proclaim October 11-17, 2009 as

"BINATIONAL HEALTH WEEK"

in Dallas, Texas.

Mayor, The City of Dallas

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