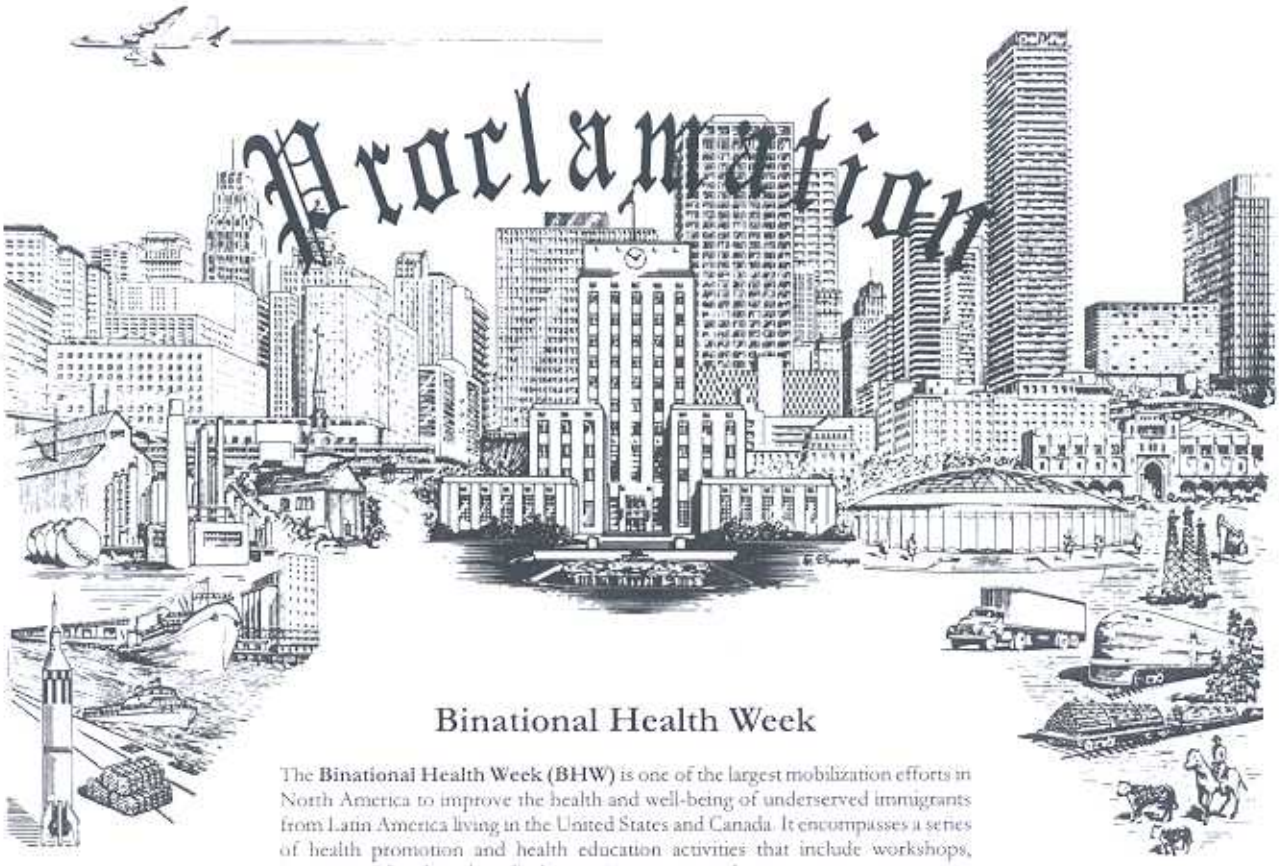

Binational Health Week

The **Binational Health Week (BHW)** is one of the largest mobilization efforts in North America to improve the health and well-being of underserved immigrants from Latin America living in the United States and Canada. It encompasses a series of health promotion and health education activities that include workshops, insurance referrals and medical screenings, among others.

Last year **Binational Health Week** witnessed the largest participation since its creation in 2001. An estimated 549,361 people participated in 5,585 activities throughout the United States and Canada. In addition, 10,377 agencies and 22,905 volunteers helped organize activities with the leadership of 140 taskforces supported by the consular network of different countries.

In Houston, the **BHW** is coordinated by the Institute for Mexicans Abroad of the Consulate General of Mexico in conjunction with the Consulate Generals of El Salvador, Colombia, Guatemala, Costa Rica and Peru, with the support of the City of Houston, Harris County, Alliance for Hispanic Immigrant Health and other nonprofit organizations. Last year, more than 5,000 people directly benefited from the **BHW** activities.

The City of Houston salutes and commends the organizers and participants of this worthwhile endeavor and extends its best wishes for successful and healthy events.

Therefore, I, Bill White, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim October 1-31, 2009, as

Binational Health Week

in Houston, Texas.

CITY OF HOUSTON TEXAS

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Houston to be affixed this 13th day of October, 2009.

Bill White

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Mayor of the City of Houston