CITY OF OAKLAND

City Council Proclamation

PROCLAMATION HONORING THE NINTH ANNUAL BINATIONAL HEALTH WEEK

WHEREAS, the Secretariats of Health and of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru, the Institute for Mexicans Abroad, the Mexican Social Security Institute, California's Department of Public Health, The California Endowment, the California HealthCare Foundation, the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission, and the Health Initiative of the Americas, a program of the University of California at Berkeley, School of Public Health, have recognized the necessity of improving access to health services for the underserved Latino population in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2006 United States Census, this country is home to more than 44.5 million people of Latino origin; and

WHEREAS, improving the health of mobile populations requires multiple approaches in service design, delivery, funding priorities, and most fundamentally, requires strong binational commitment; and

WHEREAS, from 2001 through 2008 the Health Initiative of the Americas and partnering organizations convened the first eight Binational Health Weeks, which included health promotion and education activities for underserved Latino populations in the United States and over 1,000,000 people benefited from these health care activities; and

WHEREAS, Binational Health Week reflects coordinated efforts between the United States, Mexico, Canada, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru, to improve the quality of life of underserved populations by expanding their access to health care, increasing health insurance coverage, and reducing unmet health needs; and

WHEREAS, the Health Initiative of the Americas and the consular network of Mexico, Canada, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru are coordinating the Ninth Annual Binational Health Week; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland acknowledges the many organizations collaborating in the organization of health fairs and educational health workshops for Binational health Week; and

WHEREAS, Binational Health Week provides an opportunity to highlight critical health issues in the City of Oakland and throughout the United States and will serve as the basis for future bilateral efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland is committed to recognizing and honoring these health promotion activities that are dedicated to the best ideals of public services; and now therefore

BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Oakland City Council that in honor of these efforts to improve public health, the week of October 3-15, 2009 be declared,

"THE NINTH ANNUAL BINATIONAL HEALTH WEEK"

throughout the City of Oakland.

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