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Item: 51. CONSIDERED adopting resolution recognizing October 3 through 17, 2009, as Binational Health Week in Santa Cruz County;
ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 259-2009 Recognizing October 3, 2009 through October 17, 2009 as Binational Health Week in Santa Cruz County

County of Santa Cruz

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September 15, 2009

APPROVED AND FILED
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DATE: 9/29/09
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE BOARD
BY Alicia Nunez DEPUTY

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: BINATIONAL HEALTH WEEK

Dear Members of the Board:

This year marks the fourth year that Binational Health Week is being celebrated in Santa Cruz County. Since 2006, the local Binational Health Week Task Force, consisting of elected officials, representatives from mental health agencies, law enforcement, social services, school representatives, the Mexican Consulate's office, and our Health Services Agency, has held this very successful health education fair.

In 2008, Binational Health Week was celebrated in 35 states and the District of Columbia, as well as three Provinces of Canada, through the participation of the consulate networks of Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Colombia. Every year we see the participation rate grow, and in turn we are seeing more families seeking health care and learning how to access critically-needed services.

For many families, seeking health care is not a priority when they do not have health insurance. Binational Health Week offers health care screenings free of cost and opens the door to health care education. Since its beginning in 2001, the Health Initiatives of the Americas has been instrumental in developing and expanding Binational Health Week in the United States.

Once again, I ask that our Board join with the Binational Health Week Task Force in promoting the importance of a healthy community by indicating our support for their efforts in sponsoring health education workshops, health insurance referrals, medical screening, and treatment services.

Accordingly, I recommend that the Board adopt the attached resolution recognizing October 3 through 17, 2009, as Binational Health Week in Santa Cruz County.

Sincerely yours,

TONY CAMPOS, Supervisor
Fourth District

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 259-2009

On the motion of Supervisor Campos
duly seconded by Supervisor Stone
the following resolution is adopted

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 3 through 17, 2009,
AS BINATIONAL HEALTH WEEK IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

WHEREAS, Binational Health Week has become one of the largest mobilization efforts in the Americas to improve the health and well-being of under served immigrants and migrants of Latin-American origin living in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the main partners in this national effort include the Secretariats of Health and Foreign Affairs of Mexico, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Colombia and Ecuador, 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, and School of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, Binational Health Week partners have recognized the necessity of improving access to health services to migrant/immigrant workers and their families in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 (its eighth year), Binational Health Week was celebrated in 35 States and the District of Columbia, as well as three Provinces of Canada, through the participation of the Consulate networks of Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Colombia; and

WHEREAS, with the support of over 10,377 agencies nationwide and 22,905 volunteer task force members, health-related activities and services will reach over 549,000 people this year; and

WHEREAS, California and Mexico continue to share a population and need to continue to share common strategies to address the health needs of this population; and

WHEREAS, on the local level, the Binational Health Week Task Force will promote the importance of a healthy community by sponsoring health education workshops, health insurance referrals, medical screening, and treatment services.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors hereby calls on all people in Santa Cruz County to join in observing and participating in Binational Health Week taking place October 3 through 17, 2009.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 29th day of September, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS Leopold, Pirie, Campos, Stone & Coonerty
NOES: SUPERVISORS None
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS None

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NEAL COONERTY, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: TESS FITZGERALD
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:

County Counsel

DISTRIBUTION: Health Services Agency
Governor Schwarzenegger
Senator Maldonado
Senator Smitian
Assemblymember Monning
Assemblymember Caballero

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ) ss
I, SUSAN A. MAURIELLO, County Administrative Officer and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution passed and adopted by and entered in the minutes of the said board. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the said Board on September 29, 20 09
SUSAN A. MAURIELLO, County Administrative Officer
By Deputy

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