

**PROCLAMATION SAMPLE
HONORING XIII BINATIONAL HEALTH WEEK**

Resolution – Binational Health Week 2013

(Introduced by _____, month, date, 2013)

(Adopted by _____, month, date, 2013)

*This measure would call on all the people of (the State of California) to join the people of Latino origin in observing and participating in the **Thirteenth Annual Binational Health Week**, to take place the week of **October 12-21, 2013**.*

WHEREAS, the Secretariats of Health and of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala, Honduras, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru, the Institute for Mexicans Abroad, the Mexican Social Security Institute, 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 2010 United States Census, this country is home to more than 50.5 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, In October 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 the Health Initiative of the Americas, and partnering organizations convened eleven Binational Health Weeks, an unprecedented effort overseen by multi-agency taskforces, which conducted health promotion and education activities for the underserved Latino population in the United States and over 1,000,000 people benefited from the health care activities; and

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

WHEREAS, the Health Initiative of the Americas, and the consular network in the United States of Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru, are coordinating the Ninth Annual Binational Health Week, and activities throughout the country will be centered in the regions with a high level of community health needs; and

WHEREAS, *(the State of California/etc.)* acknowledges the many organizations and volunteers collaborating in the organization of health fairs and educational health workshops; and

WHEREAS, Binational Health Week provides an opportunity to highlight critical health issues in *(the State of California/etc.)* and throughout the United States and will serve as the basis for future bilateral efforts; and

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WHEREAS, *(the State of California/etc.)* is committed to recognizing and honoring those observances that are dedicated to the best ideals of public services, and Binational Health Week is one such worthy observance; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT PROCLAIMED by *(name of the legislator)* and all members of *(the State of California Assembly or Senate)* that in honor of those efforts to improve public health, the week of **October 12-21, 2013** be declared, "**The XIII Annual Binational Health Week**" throughout *(the State of California/etc.)*.

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