

**PROCLAMATION SAMPLE**  
**HONORING XVI BINATIONAL HEALTH WEEK**

Resolution – Binational Health Week 2016

(Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_, month, date, 2016)

(Adopted by \_\_\_\_\_, month, date, 2016)

*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 **Sixteenth Annual Binational Health Week**, to take place on **October 2016**.*

**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 2012 United States Census, this country is home to more than 53 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, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 the Health Initiative of the Americas, and partnering organizations convened fifteen 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, Honduras, Colombia, Ecuador, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Uruguay 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, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Uruguay and Peru, are coordinating the Sixteenth 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

**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 XXX, 2016** be declared, **“The XVI Annual Binational Health Week”** throughout *(the State of California/etc.)*.

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