

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2000 United States Census, California is home to more than 8.45 million people of Mexican origin, including over ninety percent of California's hired agricultural workers; and

**WHEREAS**, Bi-National Health Week is designed to improve the quality of life of these immigrant families by improving access to health care, increasing health insurance coverage, and reducing their significant unmet health needs; and


**WHEREAS**, Bi-National Health Week is an event occurring in 42 California counties, 40 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada; and

**WHEREAS**, Bi-National Health Week has been developed under the auspices of the Health Initiative of the Americas, a program of the University of California, and benefits from the collaboration and support of a broad range of governmental and charitable agencies in California, the rest of the United States, Canada, Mexico, and other Latin American countries; and


**WHEREAS**, over 2,500 people were served here in Napa County during last year's Bi-National Health Week; and

**WHEREAS**, the health of the entire community is improved with each County resident whose access to healthcare is improved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Mark Luce, on behalf of the Napa County Board of Supervisors hereby call on all of the people of Napa County to join the people of Mexico and all Californians of Latin American origin in observing and participating in Bi-national Health Week, to take place the week of October 3 to 15, 2009.

  
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Mark Luce, Chair  
Napa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

  
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Gladys I. Coil  
Clerk of the Board

