

## PROCLAMATION REQUEST SAMPLE

Date

Name

Board of Supervisors, District:

City or County:

Dear Supervisor **XXX**,

On behalf of **(name of program or taskforce requesting the resolution)**, I wish to commend **the (city or county name)** Board of Supervisors on its commitment to improving access to health care for the underserved population in your county.

**(A paragraph with a brief description of the program or taskforce requesting the resolution)**

Binational Health Week (BHW) has become one of the largest mobilization efforts in the Americas to improve the health and well-being of underserved populations of Latin American origin living in the United States and Canada. It encompasses an annual weeklong series of health promotion and health education activities that include workshops, insurance referrals, and medical screenings. BHW events emerge from networks forged among agencies and organizations working on mobile population health issues and, in turn, foster ongoing collaboration.

This year, BHW will take place in **October 2017** in 40 states in the U.S. and 3 provinces in Canada, with the participation of the consular networks of Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. During Binational Health Week, a national campaign will take place to promote awareness among the underserved Latino community on the topics: ***Vaccines, Diabetes, Occupational Health, and Health Services.***

The Sixteenth Annual BHW took place in October, 2016. Over **240,300** people participated in more than **1,700** activities throughout the United States and Canada. **4,600** agencies led by **133** consulates worked together with planning committees.

This expansion is due in large part to partnerships between main partners including the Secretariats of Health and of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, support from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala, Honduras, Ecuador, and Colombia, 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 in Berkeley, School of Public Health. BHW is intended as a first step in a larger program of cooperation amongst the United States and Latin American countries to improve the health and well-being of underserved populations.

The planning for the Seventeenth Annual Binational Health Week has already commenced. Community clinics and health volunteers are already doing wonderful outreach with the Latino origin population in **(city or county name)**.

**(Name of the program or taskforce requesting the resolution)** is asking the **(city or county name)** to endorse this effort through a **Board of Supervisors Resolution**. This resolution would officially endorse BHW and would call on your county residents to participate in BHW activities. I have attached a draft resolution for the **(city or county name)** Board of Supervisors to review and revise as needed.

Please contact me with any questions at **(telephone number)** or **(email address)**.

Sincerely,

**(Name and title of coordinator)**