Resolution declaring October 11 to 18, 2004 as Binational Health Week and urges the people of San Francisco County to join the people of Mexico and all Californians of Mexican origin in observing and participating Binational Health Week

WHEREAS, The Secretariat of Health and the Secretariat of Foreign Relations of the United Mexican States, the California State Department of Health Services, the Health Commission of the Institute for Mexicans Abroad (IME), the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission, and the University of California, California-Mexico Health Initiative (CMHI), have recognized the necessity of improving access to health services to migrant and immigrant workers and their families in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Migrants laborers and immigrants of Mexican origin and their families have limited access to health care; and

WHEREAS, According to the 2000 United States Census, of the 8.45 million people of Mexican origin living in California, 3.7 million were born in Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Seventy-seven percent (77%) of Latinos in California are of Mexican origin and of the total population of Mexican immigrants living in the United States, forty-four percent (45%) of the in are in California; and

WHEREAS, Ninety-one percent (91%) of California's hired agricultural workers were born in Mexico and 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, and 2003, the California-Mexico Health Initiative (CMHI), a program of the California Policy Research Center, the University of California Office of the President and partnering organizations convened the first three Binational Health Weeks, an unprecedented effort overseen by multi-agency task forces, which conducted health promotion activities involving over 500 of community-based organizations from 22 California counties and 8 Mexican states; and

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WHEREAS, Over 1,000 people participated in planning and implementing activities, and over 70,000 people received direct health care services during the 2003 Binational Health Week; and

WHEREAS, Binational Health Week reflects coordinated efforts between California and Mexico to improve the quality of life of immigrant families by expanding their access to health care, increasing their health insurance coverage, and reducing their unmet health needs; and

WHEREAS, the California-Mexico Health Initiative (CMHI) operates in California, and in the states of origin of workers in Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Binational Health Week is a bilateral collaborative effort between CMHI and the Mexican Secretary of Health (SSA) and Foreign Affairs (SRE), with the active participation of state and local organizations. In California, the Department of Health Services (DHS), border-health organizations, Mexican consulates, the Latino Legislative Caucus, community clinics and community-based organizations endorse this effort; and

WHEREAS, The objective of Binational Health Week is to generate a dynamic dialogue between California and Mexico representatives, and the CMHI vision is that "the health of California is the health of its immigrants"; and

WHEREAS, California and Mexico share a population, and they need to share common strategies to address this population's health needs; now, therefore, be it

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October 19, 2004  Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Gonzalez, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 19, 2004 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom