

**IN THE MATTER PROCLAIMING
OCTOBER 11 ~ 17, 2004 AS
CALIFORNIA-MEXICO BINATIONAL HEALTH WEEK**

WHEREAS, *the California-Mexico Health Initiative (CMHI) is a collaborative program of the California Policy Research Center of the University of California Office of the President involving California and Mexican agencies whose objective is to coordinate efforts to improve the quality of life of working immigrant families by promoting health and facilitating access to basic health services; and*

WHEREAS, *CMHI is coordinating the fourth annual California-Mexico Binational Health Week, which has grown to include 23 counties throughout California and 14 states throughout the nation; and*

WHEREAS, *local Santa Barbara County organizations including the Office of the Mexican Consulate, Santa Barbara County Public Health Department, Breast Resource Center of Santa Barbara, Tri-Counties Cancer Detection Partnership, Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics, Casa de la Raza, Pueblo, Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy, California Rural Legal Assistance Inc., and others are collaborating to offer screening and referral for chronic diseases; enrollment in MediCal and Healthy Families and coordinating the tri-counties Binational Health Week Conference; and*

WHEREAS, *Binational Health Week provides an opportunity to highlight the need to improved health care for immigrants contributing to the economy in Santa Barbara County and throughout California, and will serve as the bases for future bilateral efforts.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *by the Board of Supervisors that October 11-17, 2004 be proclaimed CALIFORNIA-MEXICO BINATIONAL HEALTH WEEK and urge all citizens to join this important observance.*

PASSED AND ADOPTED *by unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this fifth day of October 2004, by unanimous vote of all members present.*