



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING  
OCTOBER 3-15, 2009 AS  
BINATIONAL HEALTH WEEK  
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

*WHEREAS, Binational Health Week provides an opportunity to highlight critical health issues in Santa Barbara County and throughout the United States and it serves as the basis for future bilateral efforts to improve the health and well-being of immigrant workers and their families; and*

*WHEREAS, over 40 states in the U.S., three provinces in Canada, and seven Latin American Countries will participate in Binational Health Week in the effort to improve the quality of life of immigrant families and other underserved populations by expanding their access to health care and reducing unmet health needs; and*

*WHEREAS, since 2001 the Health Initiative of the Americas and partnering organizations have organized the Binational Health Week annual campaign that has lead to an unprecedented multi-agency effort to promote health and education activities for the underserved Latino population in the United States and served over one million individuals; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2008, four national campaigns were implemented with the aim of increasing the Latino population's awareness of autism, obesity and diabetes, HIV/AIDS and emergency preparedness all of which affect the quality of life for individuals and families; and*

*WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County Public Health will participate in Binational Health Week by offering health insurance enrollment, health education and outreach, and screening services that are crucial to improving health and reducing the threat of serious illness and communicable diseases;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors proclaims October 3-15 as Binational Health Week in Santa Barbara County and encourages residents to participate in events that promote and enhance the health and well-being of our community.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 1st District  
  
Supervisor - 2nd District  
  
Supervisor - 3rd District  
  
Supervisor - 4th District  
  
Supervisor - 5th District