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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Shelli Brobst for Randy Snowden - Director  
Health & Human Services  
**REPORT BY:** Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720  
**SUBJECT:** Proclamation declaring October 8-14, 2006 as Bi-National Health Week

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Presentation of a proclamation declaring October 8-14, 2006 as "Bi-National Health Week" in Napa County.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Bi-National Health Week Committee of Napa Valley has requested that the Board of Supervisors call on the people of Napa County to join the people of Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador and all Californians of Hispanic origin, in observing and participating in the sixth annual Bi-National Health Week, to take place the week of October 8-14, 2006.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?                      No

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

Bi-National Health Week reflects coordinated efforts between California, Mexico, Guatemala and El Salvador to improve the quality of life of migrant/immigrant workers and their families by expanding access to health care,

increasing health insurance coverage, and reducing unmet health needs with the vision that "the health of California is the health of its immigrants."

The California-Mexico Health Initiative (CMHI) was created in 2001 under the auspices of the Office of the President of the University of California. Given that 91% of California's hired agricultural workers were born in Mexico, CMHI's mission is to work bi-nationally to improve the health of the Mexican-origin population in the United States. Over the past four years, CMHI has been instrumental in expanding health insurance coverage, increasing access to health services, and reducing health disparities for the Mexican-origin population in the United States and their families in Mexico. The Bi-National Health Week observation will take place in Napa County on October 8, 2006, at the Napa Valley Vintners Health Center. Community resources have organized a Health and Wellness Fair that will include health screenings, community resources, entertainment, and services from the Mexican Consulate in San Francisco, as well as educational workshops on topics such as health prevention and cultural integration.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

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CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita