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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Randolph F. Snowden - Director
Health & Human Services
REPORT BY: Randolph F. Snowden, Director, 253-4279
SUBJECT: Proclamation declaring October 14-20 2007 as Bi-National Health Week

RECOMMENDATION

Presentation of a proclamation declaring October 14-20, 2007, as "Bi-National Health Week" in Napa County.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Bi-National Health Week Committee of Napa Valley requests that the Board of Supervisors issue a proclamation urging participation by Napa County residents of Mexican and other Latin American origins in Bi-National Health Week, to take place the week of October 14-20, 2007.

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 (BHW) is an annual event designed to improve health education and access to health care services for the Latino population. This year will mark the seventh Bi-National Health Week, which now includes coordinated activities in 31 states, the District of Columbia, and several Canadian provinces. Within

California, BHW will be occurring in 42 counties. In 2006, an estimated 300,000 people participated in one or more BHW activities. Locally, over 2,000 people participated. BHW is coordinated by the Health Initiative of the Americas, which operates under the auspices of the University of California. Organizational participants or supporters of BHW include governmental health agencies in the United States, Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Colombia, as well as various foundations including The California Endowment and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

The event is a part of a larger strategy targeting the health needs of Latino immigrants, who constitute more than ninety percent of the agricultural workforce in California. BHW seeks to improve the quality of life of immigrant families by expanding their access to health care, increasing their insurance coverage, and reducing their unmet health needs.

The Bi-National Health Week Committee of Napa Valley has requested that the Board of Supervisors issue this proclamation supporting participation by local residents in this year's BHW activities.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Proclamation

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita