



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Latinos make up only about five percent of the population of Minnesota, yet experience some of the greatest health disparities in the state; and
- WHEREAS: Barriers to healthcare for Latinos include a lack of information about how and where to access services, a shortage of culturally and linguistically appropriate services, and insufficient financial resources; and
- WHEREAS: Latino Americans experience a number of health inequalities compared to white Americans, including an uninsured rate of nearly 32%, twice the incidence of cervical cancer, six times the teen birth rate, five times the rate of HIV/AIDS, and twice the occurrence of diabetes; and
- WHEREAS: Social movements, such as Binational Health Week, help address health gaps among the Latino population in Minnesota by urging a renewed commitment to eliminating inequalities in the social determinants of health, with a focus on access to health services, insurance coverage, and the prevalence of chronic and infectious diseases, which disproportionately affect the Latino population; and
- WHEREAS: Observed worldwide, Binational Health Week is an opportunity for government agencies, community-based organizations, and thousands of volunteers to work together to conduct education workshops; host health fairs; and provide insurance referrals and medical screenings for the underserved Latino population.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 8-14, 2012 as:

BINATIONAL HEALTH WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 11th day of October.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE