



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: September 25, 2012

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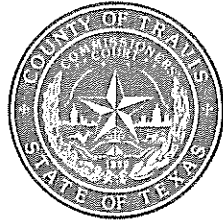
Commissioners Court Sponsor: Commissioner Gomez

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

APPROVE PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING OCTOBER 1 THROUGH 14, 2012 AS "THE TWELFTH ANNUAL BI-NATIONAL HEALTH WEEK" THROUGHOUT TRAVIS COUNTY.

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to Cheryl Aker in the County Judge's office, Cheryl.Aker@co.travis.tx.us by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.

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Proclamation

WHEREAS, Binational Health Week is a coordinated effort between the U.S. and the Consulates of México, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Columbia, Ecuador and Peru throughout the nation to improve the quality of life of underserved Latino populations by expanding their access to healthcare and providing two free weeks of health services and activities; and,

WHEREAS, According to the 2006 United States Census, this country is home to more than 44.5 million people of Latino origin; and,

WHEREAS, Improving the health of mobile populations requires multiple approaches in service design, delivery, funding priorities, and most fundamentally, requires strong binational commitment; and,

WHEREAS, In 2011 over half a million people nation-wide benefited from Binational Health Week activities; and,

WHEREAS, in Travis County, the Ventanilla de Salud at the Consulate General of Mexico coordinates Binational Health Week, as well as providing year-round outreach efforts focused on uninsured and underinsured Latino populations to raise awareness about preventive health and available health services; and,

WHEREAS, Travis County acknowledges the coordination by the Ventanilla de Salud in Austin and the contributions of many organizations and volunteers collaborating in the organization of health fairs and educational health workshops; and,

WHEREAS, Binational Health Week provides an opportunity to highlight critical health issues in Travis County and throughout the United States and will serve as the basis for future bilateral efforts; and,

WHEREAS, Travis County is committed to recognizing and honoring those observances that are dedicated to the best ideals of public services, and Binational Health Week is one such worthy observance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SALUTES THOSE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH, AND PROCLAIMS OCTOBER 1-14, 2012 AS "THE TWELFTH ANNUAL BINATIONAL HEALTH WEEK" THROUGHOUT TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS THIS 25th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012.

SAMUEL T. BISCOE
County Judge

RON DAVIS
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

KAREN HUBER
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

SARAH ECKHARDT
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

MARGARET J. GÓMEZ
County Commissioner, Pct. 4