



PROCLAMATION

presented for

*National Latino AIDS
Awareness Day*

October 15, 2004

Whereas, in recognition of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day, the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services will hold a health fair and offer free HIV testing to community members at Cesar Chavez Park from 10AM-2PM; and

Whereas, they will provide free information on HIV/AIDS prevention, testing, and treatment in English and Spanish; and

Whereas, over 200 organizations across the Nation will be participating in the National Latino AIDS Awareness Event; and

Whereas, there are 4,799 cumulative AIDS cases in Long Beach and of those, 941 cases (20%) are among Hispanics; and

Whereas, Long Beach Provides HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care Services to Latinos by offering the following services: The Mobile Clinic and Preventive Health Clinic, The Teens Living Carefully (TLC) program, The Nosotros Program, The OSITA Project (Our Sisters Increasing Their AIDS Awareness), through subcontracts with Centro CHA, Being Alive, Center for Behavioral Research and Services, Atlantic Recovery Services, and the Gay and Lesbian Community of Greater Long Beach, and the HIV Stops With Me Campaign,

Now, Therefore, I, Beverly O'Neill, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, on behalf of the Long Beach City Council, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2004 as National Latino AIDS Awareness Day with the theme "Open Your Eyes: HIV Has No Borders" and urge all community-based organizations, religious communities, civic groups, elected officials and government agencies to utilize this day to raise awareness of AIDS in the Latino community.



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MAYOR

Dated: October 12, 2004



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National Health Education Week

October 17-24, 2004

Whereas, the City of Long Beach and the County of Los Angeles, California have a vital interest in maintaining the health of their residents in order for them to lead healthy, productive lives, and

Whereas, 55% of the Los Angeles County adult population are either overweight or obese; and

Whereas, 23.2% of children living in the 54th Assembly District, which encompasses a portion of Long Beach are overweight and 37.4% are unfit and within the 55th Assembly District, again which encompasses a portion of Long Beach, 30.1% of children are overweight and 45.3% are unfit 21% of students in the Los Angeles County are overweight and an additional 19% are at risk of becoming overweight; and

Whereas, obese individuals have a fifty to one hundred percent increased risk of death from all causes, compared with normal weight individuals; and

Whereas, in Los Angeles County, only 6.9% of adults reported eating five servings of fruits and vegetables in the past day and research suggests that obesity levels are lowest among those with high intakes of fruits and vegetables; and

Whereas, moderate physical activity and healthier eating habits are proven behavioral interventions to reduce the incidence of premature death related to obesity; and

Whereas, the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services Health Education Program are committed to addressing the obesity pandemic and to reducing the prevalence of obese Long Beach and Los Angeles residents by bringing health education ideas and principles into the legislative and public arena; and

Whereas, in celebration of National Health Education Week, collaboration is essential to support National Health Education Week focus on nutrition and physical activity through the theme, "Healthy Eating Every Bite Counts";

Now, Therefore, I, Beverly O'Neill, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, on behalf of the Long Beach City Council, do hereby proclaim October 17-24, 2004 as National Health Education Week and encourage members of the community to take part in activities design to enhance awareness of public health education messages and activities to reduce obesity through healthy eating and physical activity such as the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services' Healthy Active Long Beach Program which includes the Farmers' Market Outreach Project and promotes the National Walk to School Week in support of National Health Education Week.



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