



**UNITED STATES-MEXICO
BORDER BINATIONAL HEALTH WEEK
“FAMILIES IN ACTION FOR HEALTH”**

October 6-10, 2008

The mission of the United States – México Border Health Commission (BHC) is to *provide international leadership to optimize health and quality of life along the United States-México border*. Its primary goals are to institutionalize a domestic focus on border health that can transcend political changes and to create an effective venue for binational discussion to address the public health issues and problems affecting the United States-México border populations.

The 5th Annual Border Binational Health Week (BBHW) will be held second week of October 2008 in conjunction with the 3rd Mexican National Health Week and the 8th Annual Binational Health Week. These combined celebratory events are a partnership of the United States - México Border Health Commission, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; the México Secretariat of Health, the Health Initiative of the Americas, the Pan American Health Organization, the ten U.S.-México Border States; and, the United States – México Border Health Association.

The goal of Border Binational Health Week is to promote sustainable partnerships to address border health problems. Intended outcomes include increased community and inter-agency networking relationships, increased information sharing and educational opportunities, and increased awareness of the Border Health Commission and other state and local initiatives.

Activities during Border Binational Health Week will include forums on specific health related topics and other activities sponsored by border partners.

The message of *Families in Action for Health* will continue to serve as the theme for the weeklong celebration of Border Binational Health Week. For additional information, please visit www.borderhealth.org.

**The
United States – México
Border Health Commission**

Providing Leadership on Border Health Issues to
Facilitate Identification, Study and Research
Be a Catalyst to Raise Awareness
Promote Sustainable Partnerships for Action
Serve as an Information Portal