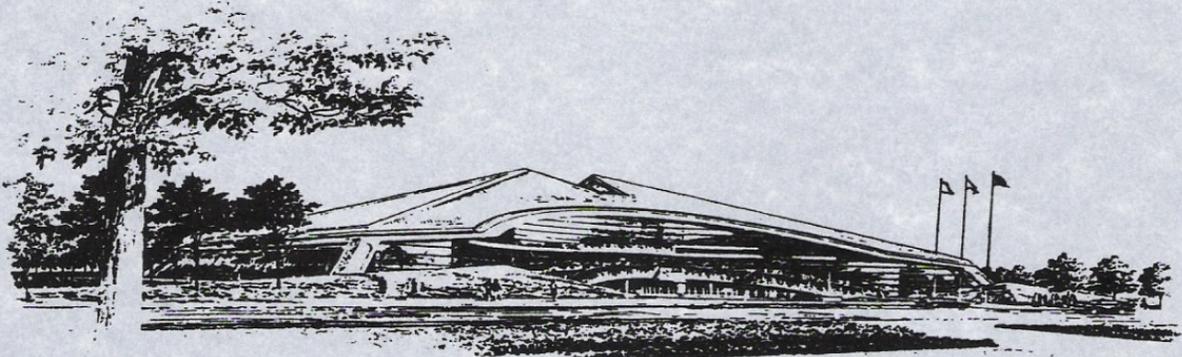


City of  
**FRESNO**

**PROCLAMATION**



**WHEREAS**, Cover the Uninsured Week, now in its 6<sup>th</sup> year, is the nation's largest campaign to draw attention to the plight of America's uninsured. This campaign is a national effort to highlight the fact that too many Americans are living without health insurance and to demand solutions from our nation's leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, Cover the Uninsured Week has grown from a week of grassroots events that brought attention to the issue of the uninsured to a movement recognized by national organizations, elected officials, community leaders and health care advocates as the largest mobilization around the issue of the uninsured. With healthcare now ranked as one of the top three issues for voters in 2008, there has never been a better time to demand real reform from our national leaders on the issue of the uninsured; and

**WHEREAS**, the Children's Health Initiative (CHI)- Fresno began in 2001 with a group of volunteers consisting of: community members, local leaders, elected officials, educators, business members and faith-based organizations to advocate on behalf of the uninsured families residing in the County of Fresno; and

**WHEREAS**, Fresno County has more than 30,000 children that are uninsured and through the current outreach, enrollment, retention, and utilization efforts, Certified Application Assistors in 12 community based organizations have successfully enrolled more than 8,000 children in Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, Kaiser Child Health Plan and Healthy Kids; and

**WHEREAS**, the CHI-Fresno activities are made possible through funding provided by: First 5 Fresno County, the California Endowment, Blue Shield Foundation of California, Health Net, Kaiser Permanente of Northern California, California Healthcare Foundation, and individual donations as well as corporate donations received by the fiscal agent, the Fresno Regional Foundation, etc; and

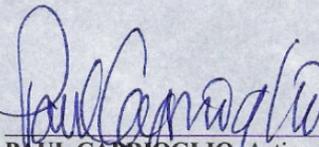
**WHEREAS**, during the week of March 22, 2009, thousands of events will be held nationally to raise awareness and build support to insure the uninsured among opinion-makers, policy-makers, grassroots advocates, faith leaders, the business community and active citizens; and

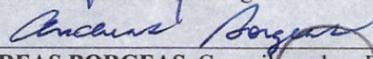
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**; that we, the Council members of the City of Fresno, do hereby recognize the week of March 22, 2009 to be:

*"Cover the Uninsured Week"*

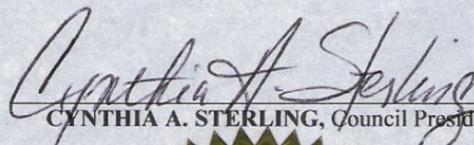
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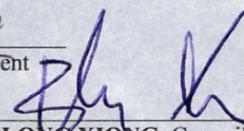
and we encourage the community to join us in honoring Cover the Uninsured Week on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March of the Year Two Thousand and Nine.

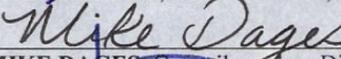
  
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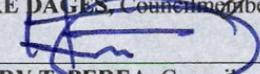
  
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