

TEMPLATE PROCLAMATION

*Please issue to local and state elected officials, and businesses and organizations. Include their signature(s), city, state and signatures of partner group representatives where applicable. Also include data about the number of uninsured in the city/state if possible.



PROCLAMATION

Whereas, nearly 44 million Americans, equal to the combined population of 24 states, do not have health care coverage;

Whereas, eight out of 10 people who are uninsured are in working families;

Whereas, there are 8.5 million children in America without health coverage;

Whereas, uninsured Americans live sicker and die younger than those who are covered, and suffer needlessly because they go without the health care they need;

Whereas, with health care costs climbing rapidly, employers and working families in our community are finding it harder to afford coverage;

*Therefore, we recognize the urgency of seeking solutions to one of America's greatest problems, and hereby declare May 10-16, 2004, **Cover the Uninsured Week** in*

[City, State]

[Date]

[Signature: Mayor, Governor, Witness]

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