



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for over 50 years, Community Health Centers have been providing high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventative care in our nation's underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, the country's largest primary care network, Health Centers serve over 25 million – or one in every 13 – Americans in over 10,000 delivery sites across the nation in both rural and urban populations, often providing the only accessible and dependable primary care available in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Health Centers continue to integrate services beyond primary care – including oral health, vision, behavioral health, and pharmacy services – to meet the needs and challenges of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Health Centers are controlled by patient-majority boards, ensuring that patients are engaged in their own healthcare decisions; these locally-owned and operated small businesses contribute to local economies, generating billions of dollars in combined economic impact; and

WHEREAS, Health Centers nationally employ nearly 190,000 people—including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and certified nurse midwives—who work on multi-disciplinary clinical teams to treat the whole patient; and

WHEREAS, the Health Center model removes barriers to healthcare access such as geography, income, and insurance status; in doing so, they improve healthcare outcomes, and reduce healthcare system costs by managing chronic conditions and keeping patients out of hospital emergency rooms; and

WHEREAS, Health Centers respond to our nation's healthcare crises: providing healthcare access to veterans, addressing the opioid epidemic, and fighting against public health threats like the Zika virus; and

WHEREAS, National Health Center Week recognizes the dedicated staff, board members, and all those responsible for the legacy, success, and growth of America's Health Centers that are shaping the future of our healthcare system; the State of North Carolina encourages all citizens to take part by visiting their local Health Center and acknowledging its important partnership with their community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 13 – 19, 2017, as “NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this eighth day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.