



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, 42 Community Health Centers serve more than half a million patients across the state, most of whom are uninsured; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are strategically located in areas with underserved populations or special populations that need medical services, and focus on reducing health disparities; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers treat patients for a fraction of the average cost of one emergency room visit, lower the cost of children's primary care by approximately 35 percent, and are governed by patient majority boards; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers in North Carolina employ more than 3,700 staff and generate more than \$160 million in direct economic activity; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers integrate critical medical services and other health services such as oral health, mental health, substance abuse, case management, and translation – all under one roof; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 12 – 18, 2018, 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 seventh day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.