

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK

AUGUST 8-14, 2021

WHEREAS, for over 50 years, community health centers have provided high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventive health care in our nation's underserved communities, delivering value to and having a significant impact on America's health care system; and

WHEREAS, the country's largest primary care network, community health centers are the health care home for 30 million Americans in over 14,000 communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, health centers are a critical element of the health system, serving both rural and urban communities, and often providing the only accessible and dependable source of primary care in their communities; and nationwide, health centers serve one in every five residents of rural areas; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's community health centers provide access to affordable, high-quality health care for all North Dakotans, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay, and in doing so, improve health care outcomes and reduce health care system costs; and in 2020, North Dakota's five community health centers provided patient-centered, comprehensive care to more than 32,500 individuals at 21 sites located in 19 communities across the state; and

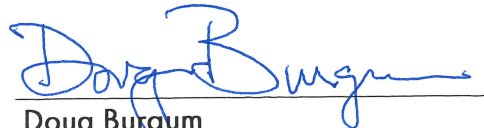
WHEREAS, health centers serve as beacons of essential resources and support in testing and treatment in the face of the global coronavirus pandemic and will continue to offer reliable, affordable, high-quality care against COVID-19 for America's most vulnerable and underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's community health centers are critical economic engines for the communities they serve, generating millions of dollars in combined economic impact and employing nearly 350 people, including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and dentists; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Center Week offers the opportunity to recognize North Dakota's community health centers, their dedicated staff, board members, patients and all those responsible for their continued success and growth, and to showcase the integral role they play in the lives of their patients and in the communities they serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim August 8-14, 2021, COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
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SECRETARY OF STATE