

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK

AUGUST 3-9, 2025

WHEREAS, for 60 years, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) have provided high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventive health care in medically underserved communities, having a significant impact on America's health care system; and

WHEREAS, as the country's largest primary care network, health centers are the health care home for over 32.5 million Americans in over 15,000 communities across the country. One in 10 people in the United States get their care at a health center; and

WHEREAS, health centers provide access to health care for all North Dakotans, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. In 2024, North Dakota's five health centers provided care to more than 36,000 individuals at 27 sites in 20 communities; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's health centers are locally owned and operated small businesses generating over \$100 million in combined economic impact and employing over 400 people in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, every day, health centers develop new approaches to integrating a wide range of services into primary care, including oral health, vision, behavioral health and pharmacy services, to provide comprehensive care; and

WHEREAS, the health center model continues to prove an effective means of overcoming barriers to health care access, including geography, income and insurance status – improving health outcomes and reducing health care system costs; 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 3-9, 2025, **COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE