

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, Oklahoma's community health centers are community-owned and operated health care providers serving all people including the uninsured and otherwise medically underserved in the State of Oklahoma; and

Whereas, community health centers expand access to comprehensive, high quality primary medical, oral health, and mental health care; and

Whereas, community health centers contain health care costs by fostering prevention and integrating the delivery of primary care with aggressive outreach, patient education, and other enabling services; and

Whereas, community health centers have made great strides in the Oklahoma health care system by maintaining high standards of accountability, demonstrating cost effectiveness and efficiency, and empowering communities to address unmet health needs and reduce health disparities, preventable deaths, costly disabilities, and communicable diseases; and

Whereas, community health centers foster stronger local economies by improving the health of the workforce, increasing employment, and enhancing community resources; and

Whereas, community health centers promote strengthening health care access and reducing health disparities for all; and

Whereas, there is a continuing need to support the implementation of community health centers throughout the State of Oklahoma as part of Oklahoma's enduring commitment to the provision of quality primary health care;

Now, therefore, I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the week of August 8 – 14, 2010 as

"Health Center Week"

in the State of Oklahoma, and urge citizens to recognize the important contributions of community health centers in safeguarding health and improving the quality of life.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this ~~twenty-sixth~~ day of July, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred second year.

Brad Henry

ATTEST:

M. Susan Love

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR