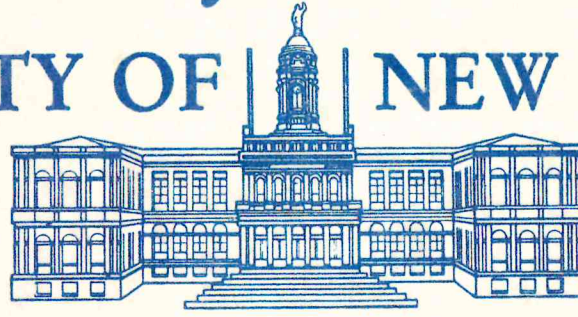


Office of the Mayor

CITY OF NEW YORK



Proclamation

WHEREAS: NEW YORK HAS ALWAYS BEEN KNOWN AS A CITY OF OPPORTUNITY WHERE ALL PEOPLE HAVE THE CHANCE TO CREATE A FULFILLING LIFE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES. GOOD HEALTH IS AN ESSENTIAL BUILDING BLOCK FOR A BRIGHT AND SUCCESSFUL FUTURE, AND THANKS TO OUR CITY'S HUNDREDS OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS, NEARLY A MILLION NEW YORKERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE THE AFFORDABLE, COMPREHENSIVE PRIMARY AND PREVENTATIVE CARE THEY NEED TO THRIVE. THIS WEEK, WE WILL CELEBRATE THESE IMPORTANT COMMUNITY RESOURCES, THE OUTSTANDING SERVICES THEY OFFER, AND THE CRITICAL ROLE THEY PLAY IN THE LIVES OF COUNTLESS INDIVIDUALS ACROSS THE FIVE BOROUGHS AND BEYOND.

WHEREAS: TREATING PATIENTS AT 370 SITES THROUGHOUT THE CITY, OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS PROVIDE THE HIGHEST QUALITY SERVICES TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED OF TREATMENT, REGARDLESS OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S ABILITY TO PAY. THANKS TO THEIR TRANSLATION SERVICES, EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS, AND EFFORTS TO ENROLL NEW YORKERS IN AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS, THESE CENTERS HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE BY REDUCING HEALTH DISPARITIES. WITH REGULAR PREVENTATIVE CARE AND TARGETED TREATMENTS THAT ADDRESS HEALTH CONCERNS AS THEY ARISE, COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS HAVE ALSO BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN IMPROVING HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR PATIENTS AND REDUCING HEALTHCARE COSTS SYSTEM-WIDE.

WHEREAS: TO CELEBRATE THESE OUTSTANDING FACILITIES, PEOPLE IN OUR CITY AND BEYOND WILL COME TOGETHER FOR AN ARRAY OF EXCITING AND INFORMATIVE EVENTS CENTERED AROUND THIS YEAR'S THEME, "AMERICA'S HEALTH CENTERS - CELEBRATING OUR LEGACY, SHAPING OUR FUTURE." WITH HEALTH FAIRS, OPEN HOUSES, AND MORE, PATIENTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS WILL REFLECT ON ALL THAT HEALTH CENTERS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND LOOK TOWARDS THE STEPS THEY ARE TAKING TO ENSURE OUR RESIDENTS WILL BE EVEN HEALTHIER IN THE YEARS TO COME. CHIRLANE AND I APPLAUD ALL NEW YORK CITY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS AND THE DEDICATED MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS AND STAFF WHO WORK HARD EACH DAY TO ENSURE A HEALTHIER TOMORROW WHERE WE CAN ALL RISE TOGETHER.

NOW THEREFORE, I, BILL DE BLASIO, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AUGUST 9TH-15TH, 2015 IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AS:

"COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK"



Bill De Blasio

BILL DE BLASIO
MAYOR