

# Office of the Mayor

CITY OF NEW YORK



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS:** IN ORDER TO CREATE A CITY WHERE EVERYONE CAN RISE TOGETHER, IT IS VITAL THAT WE ENSURE THE WELLBEING OF ALL PEOPLE AND PROVIDE RESIDENTS ACROSS THE FIVE BOROUGHES WITH ACCESS TO OUTSTANDING HEALTHCARE. THIS MISSION CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED WITH THE HELP OF OUR CITY'S GROWING NETWORK OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS THAT ARE EMPOWERING AND UPLIFTING PATIENTS, BUILDING SOLID FOUNDATIONS FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, AND CONNECTING MORE AND MORE NEW YORKERS TO AFFORDABLE, TOP-QUALITY CARE. THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE HAS SERVED AS A POWERFUL ADVOCATE FOR HEALTH CENTERS, AND I AM PROUD TO JOIN IN HONORING THESE FACILITIES FOR LEADING THE WAY TO A BETTER TOMORROW.

**WHEREAS:** IN ADDITION TO DELIVERING STATE-OF-THE-ART PRIMARY CARE SERVICES, COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS SERVE AS VALUABLE RESOURCES FOR ALL NEW YORKERS. HEALTH CENTERS ACROSS THE FIVE BOROUGHES ARE HELPING TO REDUCE HOSPITALIZATIONS AND FOCUS ON EMPOWERING RESIDENTS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN MANAGING CHRONIC ILLNESSES, TAKE GREATER STEPS TO REMAIN HEALTHY, AND ACCESS A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY OF CAREGIVERS WHO ARE SERVING PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF INSURANCE STATUS, ABILITY TO PAY, OR THE LANGUAGE THEY SPEAK. FROM OFFERING TRANSLATION SERVICES AND TARGETED TREATMENT PLANS, TO HELPING PATIENTS ENROLL IN AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE, COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS MAKE LASTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THEIR LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS AND STRENGTHEN THE FABRIC OF OUR CITY.

**WHEREAS:** MY ADMINISTRATION IS COMMITTED TO EXPANDING COMMUNITY-BASED CARE THROUGHOUT OUR CITY TO IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES, STRENGTHEN CARE MANAGEMENT, AND EMBED EVEN MORE HEALTH CENTERS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE ENCOURAGES US TO RECOGNIZE THE VITAL ROLES THESE FACILITIES PLAY IN THE DAILY LIVES OF NEW YORKERS AND THEIR CRITICAL PARTNERSHIP THAT HELPS US ENSURE THAT ALL RESIDENTS RECEIVE THE QUALITY HEALTH CARE THEY DESERVE. THIS WEEK, I AM DELIGHTED TO JOIN IN APPLAUDING OUR CITY'S HEALTH CENTERS AND THEIR STAFF AND SUPPORTERS THAT ARE FORGING A PATH TO A BRIGHTER, HEALTHIER FUTURE.

NOW THEREFORE, I, BILL DE BLASIO, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AUGUST 7TH – 13TH, 2016 IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AS:

"COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK"



*Bill de Blasio*

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MAYOR