



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, community health centers are non-profit, community-owned and operated health care providers providing access to care for all New Yorkers regardless of their insurance status or their ability to pay; and

Whereas, community health care centers offer comprehensive primary and preventative health care services to over 1.4 million New Yorkers annually, nearly 90% of whom live at or below 200% of the federal poverty level; and

Whereas, community health centers are critical to the health and wellbeing of the residents of New York State's urban and rural communities and their model for delivering primary and preventive care has been recognized as one of the most successful at improving health outcomes and reducing health care costs; and

Whereas, community health centers have a strong record of achievement for excellence in care, disparities reduction, cost-effectiveness and community benefit by fostering prevention and integrating the delivery of primary care with aggressive outreach, patient education, translation and other enabling services; and

Whereas, community health centers locally, regionally and throughout the State are participating in chronic disease management projects that reduce disparities, improve health outcomes and decrease costs; and

Whereas, community health centers aim to eliminate barriers to access to health care and improve the health status of underserved communities and populations with the goal of 100% access and zero health disparities; and

Whereas, community health centers throughout New York State reduce health problems and improve health outcomes through greater integration of public health priorities into the delivery of medicine; and

Whereas, community health centers are integral to the State's efforts to improve the public's health;


Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim August 7-13, 2011 as

HEALTH CENTER WEEK

in the Empire State and urge citizens to recognize the important contributions of community health centers in safeguarding health and improving the quality of life for all people throughout the great State of New York.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this fourth day of August in the year two thousand eleven.


Governor


Secretary to the Governor