

WHEREAS:

NEW YORK CITY IS COMMITTED TO HELPING MORE OF OUR RESIDENTS ENJOY LONGER, HEALTHIER, AND MORE FULFILLING LIVES. THANKS TO OUR INNOVATIVE PUBLIC HEALTH AGENDA, WORLD-CLASS MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS, AND OUR EFFORTS TO ENABLE MORE NEW YORKERS TO EAT RIGHT, QUIT SMOKING, AND GET ACTIVE, OUR RESIDENTS ARE NOW LIVING LONGER THAN EVER BEFORE. WE ARE WORKING HARD TO ELIMINATE HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO CARE FOR ALL NEW YORKERS, AND THAT IS WHY WE ARE DELIGHTED TO JOIN WITH THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE IN CELEBRATING "NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK."

WHEREAS:

BY PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE PRIMARY AND PREVENTATIVE HEALTH CARE TO MORE THAN 1.4 MILLION NEW YORKERS ANNUALLY, REGARDLESS OF THEIR INSURANCE STATUS OR ABILITY TO PAY, NEW YORK CITY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS WORK TO ENSURE THAT ALL OUR RESIDENTS RECEIVE THE EXCELLENT MEDICAL CARE THEY DESERVE. THIS YEAR'S EVENT IS CENTERED ON THE THEME "CELEBRATING AMERICA'S HEALTH CENTERS: POWERING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES," AND HIGHLIGHTS THE EFFORTS OF OUR CITY'S HEALTH CENTERS TO EMPOWER OUR RESIDENTS TO LEAD HEALTHIER LIVES. OUR ADMINISTRATION RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF HELPING ALL NEW YORKERS MAKE INFORMED CHOICES WHEN IT COMES TO THEIR HEALTH, AND WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE FIVE BOROUGHS, WE ARE CONFRONTING ISSUES LIKE OBESITY HEAD-ON BY EDUCATING OUR RESIDENTS AND PROVIDING THEM WITH RESOURCES TO IMPROVE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE.

WHEREAS:

OUR CITY'S COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS ARE DEDICATED TO ENSURING THAT OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS RECEIVE THE CARE THEY NEED, AND THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE WE ARE HELPING CENTERS OFFER EVEN BETTER CARE TO ALL NEW YORKERS. THANKS TO OUR PRIMARY CARE INFORMATION PROJECT, THOUSANDS OF PROVIDERS ACROSS THE CITY ARE INSTITUTING AN ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS SYSTEM, WHICH ENABLES HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TO IMPROVE TREATMENT TO UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE USE OF HEALTH IT. AS WE CONTINUE TO ADD MORE HEALTH CENTERS TO THIS DIGITALLY INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, WE APPLAUD ALL THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH THESE IMPORTANT COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS AND LOOK FORWARD TO BUILDING AN EVEN BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR US ALL.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AUGUST 5TH—11TH. 2012 IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AS:

"NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK"

MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG

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