

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Approximately 348,000 Kansas residents are uninsured; and

WHEREAS, The uninsured are less likely to have a usual source of health care and make more frequent use of emergency rooms; and

WHEREAS, The uninsured are less likely to have visited a doctor within the last six months; and

WHEREAS, A network of 40 primary care safety net clinics, including federally qualified community health centers, share the mission of providing accessible, high quality, comprehensive primary care services for the medically underserved, regardless of their ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, More than 154,208 Kansans who live in or near poverty, 117,788 of whom are uninsured, receive comprehensive primary health care services through this network of primary care safety net clinics; and

WHEREAS, For many of these Kansans, primary care safety net clinics are the only means of accessing affordable primary health care services; and

WHEREAS, Primary care safety net clinics save money by reducing preventable hospitalizations and unnecessary emergency room visits, and by promoting the health and well-being of the State's most vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, Primary care safety net clinics and community health centers leverage federal, state, local community, and foundation resources, including the donated services of health professionals; and

WHEREAS, Growing and strengthening the primary care safety net of clinics and community health centers promotes the well-being of all Kansans:

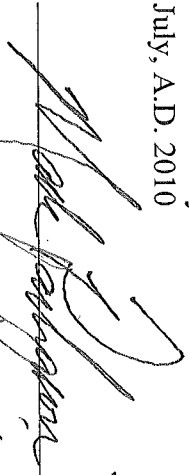
NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK PARKINSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim August 8 – 14, 2010, as

Primary Care Safety Net Week

in Kansas and urge all citizens to join in this important observance.

Done: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of the
State this 9th day of
July, A.D. 2010

BY THE GOVERNOR:


Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State

