

STATE OF MICHIGAN



Executive
Office

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
do hereby proclaim the week of August 9, 2009,

Health Center Week

Whereas, Community Health Centers, also known as Federally Qualified Health Centers, are nonprofit, community directed providers of health care to the medically underserved; and,

Whereas, Serving those who have been left out of the mainstream American health-care system, Community Health Centers care for homeless citizens and migrant/seasonal laborers;

Whereas, Ensuring access to high-quality primary and preventive health care and other medical services, Community Health Centers work to integrate with outreach, patient education, translation and other enabling services for 18 million people in the United States, including over 500,000 in Michigan each year; and,

Whereas, In the midst of economic turbulence, Community Health Centers are expanding to accommodate increased demand as well as treating more patients regardless of insurance status or ability to pay; and,

Whereas, Community Health Centers are models for managing chronic disease, reducing racial and ethnic disparities and curbing infant mortality and preventable death, upholding the highest quality of care in a cost-effective manner;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, governor of the state of Michigan, do hereby proclaim the week of August 9, 2009, Health Center Week in the state of Michigan. I encourage all residents of this state to support the accessible, high-quality primary and preventive care and other services provided by Community Health Centers, also known as Federally Qualified Health Centers; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That residents are encouraged to recognize the important contributions Community Health Centers have made in improving health and the quality of life in this state for those who may otherwise have gone unnoticed.




Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor