

Honorary Proclamation



BILL OWENS
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK August 6 – 12, 2006

WHEREAS, maintaining public health in Colorado communities is essential to the welfare of all citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, community health centers supply our state with vital services, providing over 1.5 million primary and preventative healthcare visits to over 396,000 patients each year; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's health centers reduce overall healthcare costs by providing primary and preventive healthcare services that reduce emergency room visits, result in fewer hospital admissions and shorter stays, and reduce occurrences of low birth-weight, prematurity, infant mortality, and childhood mortality; and

WHEREAS, community health centers create jobs and an economic base, employing more than 2,600 Coloradans, many of whom are residents of low-income communities; and

WHEREAS, community health centers help to retain local businesses and stabilize neighborhoods by bringing in other forms of community and economic development; and

WHEREAS, community health centers are cost-effective healthcare providers that make a difference in the health of Coloradans;

Now Therefore, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim August 6 – 12, 2006,

NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

in the State of Colorado.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-fifth day of July, 2006

Bill Owens.

Bill Owens
Governor