

# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

*Whereas, Oklahoma's community health centers are nonprofit, community owned and operated health care providers serving all people including the uninsured and otherwise medically underserved in the State of Oklahoma; and*

*Whereas, community health centers expand access to comprehensive, high quality primary medical, oral health, and mental health care; and*

*Whereas, community health centers contain health care costs by fostering prevention and integrating the delivery of primary care with aggressive outreach, patient education, and other enabling services; and*

*Whereas, community health centers have made great strides in the Oklahoma health care system by maintaining high standards of accountability, demonstrating cost effectiveness and efficiency, and empowering communities to address unmet health needs and reduce health disparities, preventable deaths, costly disabilities, and communicable diseases; and*

*Whereas, community health centers foster stronger local economies by improving the health of the workforce, increasing employment, and enhancing community resources; and*

*Whereas, community health centers promote strengthening health care access and reducing health disparities for all; and*

*Whereas, there is a continuing need to support the implementation of community health centers throughout the State of Oklahoma as part of Oklahoma's enduring commitment to the provision of quality primary health care;*

*Now, therefore, I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the week of August 5 - 11, 2007, as*

### **"Health Center Week"**

*in the State of Oklahoma,*

*and urge citizens to recognize the important contributions of community health centers in safeguarding health and improving the quality of life.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.*



*Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 11th day of July, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the State of Oklahoma in the ninety-ninth year.*

*M. Susan Inoué*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Brad Henry*  
GOVERNOR