

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, community health centers provide affordable, quality health care to millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, each year approximately 300,000 individuals receive health care services, including preventative and primary care, diagnostic services and screenings, emergency care, pharmacy services, family planning, prenatal care, well child care and immunizations, from community-based facilities across the Palmetto State; and

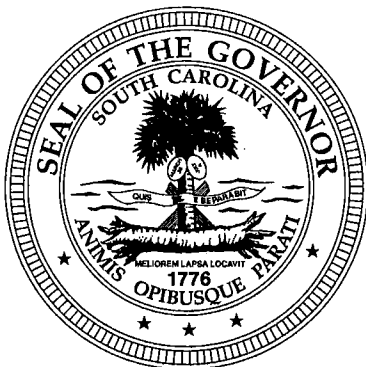
WHEREAS, community health centers play a significant role in the reduction of infant mortality and health disparities, delivering comprehensive primary, preventive, mental, and behavioral health care services to medically underserved people and localities; and

WHEREAS, in addition to contributing to improved health in our communities, these facilities help lower the cost of health care, successfully treating chronic diseases like diabetes and hypertension and helping people stay out of emergency rooms.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 5-11, 2007, as

SOUTH CAROLINA HEALTH CENTER WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the important contributions of health centers in safeguarding the health and improving the quality of life for the residents of the Palmetto State.



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MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA