



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, community health centers in Idaho have provided effective and efficient health care in Idaho for 34 years beginning in 1974 with Terry Reilly Health Services in Nampa and as recently as 2007 with Upper Valley Community Health Services in St. Anthony; and

WHEREAS, community health centers throughout Idaho work together as members of the Idaho Primary Care Association and have been part of this collaboration since 1983, and

WHEREAS, Idaho community health centers work to provide access to care for all individuals of any income level; and

WHEREAS, Idaho community health centers form a health care system through 12 centers located in 35 communities across Idaho and provide medical, dental and behavioral health services to over 112,000 Idahoans; and

WHEREAS, Idaho community health centers serve many Idahoans especially those without health care insurance, providing timely preventive and primary care and saving lives and taxpayer dollars through early diagnosis and treatment for illnesses; and

WHEREAS, Idaho community health centers function as the community medical safety net provider, advocating patient responsibility by requiring all patients to participate in their cost of care; and

WHEREAS, the state of Idaho has begun to invest in community health centers providing a state funded grant program to enhance their service delivery infrastructure assisting them to better meet the medical needs of their surrounding communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the Week of August 11-15, 2008 as

"Community Health Center Week"

in Idaho, and urge citizens to recognize the important contributions of Community Health Centers in safeguarding health and improving the quality of life for all people in the great state of Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at Boise, Idaho, on this 11th day of August in the year of our Lord two-thousand and eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-third and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred nineteenth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE