

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Federally Qualified Health Centers are nonprofit, community-owned and operated health providers serving uninsured and medically underserved people in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Federally Qualified Health Centers expand access to affordable, high quality, cost-effective healthcare for all people and contain healthcare costs by fostering prevention and integrating the delivery of primary care with aggressive outreach, patient education, translation, and other enabling services; and

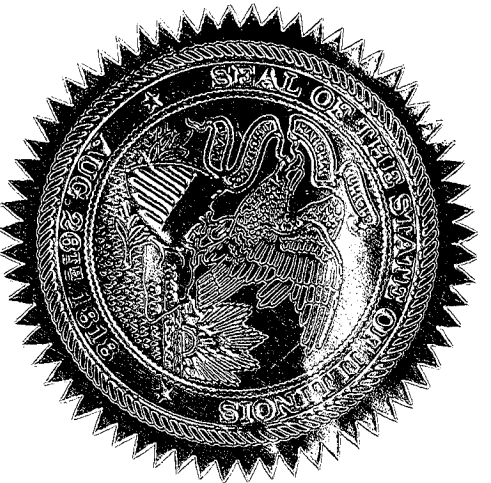
WHEREAS, Federally Qualified Health Centers have made great strides in the Illinois healthcare system specifically by maintaining high standards of accountability, demonstrating cost effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of care, and empowering communities to address unmet health needs, reduce health disparities, and reduce preventable deaths, costly disabilities and communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need to support implementation of Federally Qualified Health Centers throughout the State of Illinois as part of Illinois' enduring commitment to the provision of quality primary healthcare; and

WHEREAS, Health Centers promote 100 percent access and an end to health disparities to achieve healthcare for all people:

THEREFORE, I, Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim August 10 – 16, 2008 as NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK in Illinois, and encourage all citizens to recognize the important contributions of Federally Qualified Health Centers in safeguarding health and improving the quality of life for all people in our great state.

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



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,

this TWENTIETH day of JUNE, in

the Year of Our Lord two thousand and

EIGHT, and of the State of Illinois

the one hundred and NINETIETH

Rod R. Blagojevich

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SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR