

Executive Department

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IN RECOGNITION OF STATE HEALTH CENTER WEEK

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

Health Centers expand access to quality health care for all people and contain health care costs by fostering prevention and integrating the delivery of primary care with aggressive outreach, patient education, translation and other enabling services; and

Health Centers have made great strides in the Ohio health care 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

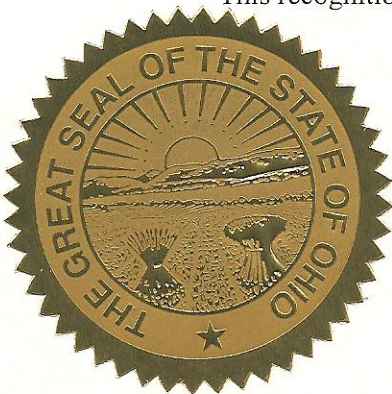
There is a continuing need to support implementation of Health Centers throughout the State of Ohio as part of Ohio's enduring commitment to the provision of quality primary health care; and

Health Centers promote 100% access and zero health disparities to help achieve health care for all people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ted Strickland, Governor of the State of Ohio, do
Recognize **State Health Center Week in Ohio**
and urge citizens to recognize the important
contributions of Health Centers in safeguarding health and improving
the quality of life for all people in the great state of Ohio.

I further recognize the valued contributions of Health Centers in expanding access to health care and improving the health and future well-being of the citizens.

This recognition shall remain in effect until the end of my administration or until rescinded.



Ted Strickland
Governor