

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, for over 50 years, Community Health Centers (CHCs) have provided high quality, affordable, comprehensive primary care and preventative health care in our nation's underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, as the state's largest primary care network, CHCs are the health care home for over 120,000 Montanans in over 80 communities across the state and are often on the front lines of emerging health care crises, providing access to care for our state's veterans and addressing the substance use epidemic; and

WHEREAS, CHCs reduce the overall cost of care by helping manage patients' chronic conditions, keeping them out of hospital emergency rooms; and

WHEREAS, CHCs develop new approaches to integrating a wide range of services beyond primary care including oral health, vision, behavioral health, and pharmacy services, to meet the needs and challenges of their communities; and

WHEREAS, CHCs are locally-run nonprofit businesses that support hardworking Montanans with good-paying jobs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim August 6-12, 2023

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK

in Montana to celebrate CHCs and their vital role in America's health care system.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor