

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER

August 6, 2024

PROCLAIMING NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

National Health Center Week (NHCW) is celebrated each August to acknowledge the staff, board members, and supporters who enable Community Health Centers (CHCs) to provide quality, comprehensive healthcare services to over 31.5 million Americans. By proclaiming National Health Center Week, the healthcare community recognizes the invaluable role CHCs play in our healthcare system and renews its commitment to advancing health equity.

In Los Angeles County (County), over 380 CHCs serve 1.89 million patients per year, 75% of whom have low incomes, and nearly 76,000 of whom are experiencing homelessness. In a healthcare landscape that is so often unaffordable and inequitable, CHCs provide high-quality whole-body care to the most vulnerable populations in our County community including veterans, children, and those living in poverty. Regardless of an individual’s ability to pay, CHCs and the passionate providers that staff them are committed to serve.

As the country’s largest primary care network, CHCs empower communities by supporting more than 500,000 direct and indirect jobs and generating \$85 billion in economic activity. Dedicated physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, licensed family therapists, and certified nurse-midwives continue to respond to our greatest healthcare challenges with the poise and creativity desperately needed as we work towards a healthy future.

This year’s NHCW celebration, launched by the National Association of Community Health Centers, focuses on “Powering Communities Through Caring Connections.” By providing critical healthcare services to underserved communities, advocating for and empowering their patients, and continuing to develop innovative approaches to comprehensive care, CHCs are at the forefront of forging meaningful, life-changing connections.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim August 4-10, 2024 as “National Health Center Week” throughout Los Angeles County to celebrate and raise public awareness for the vital work that CHCs do to heal, serve, and empower all those they care for.

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VOTES REQUIRED:

3-VOTES 4-VOTES 5-VOTES

CATEGORIES: (Please check those that apply)

- 1. Child Welfare
- 2. Community and Youth Empowerment
- 3. County and Municipal Services
- 4. Economic Justice
- 5. Economic and Workforce Development
- 6. Education
- 7. Environment and Environmental Justice
- 8. Fiscal
- 9. Governance
- 10. Health
- 11. Homelessness and Housing
- 12. Immigration
- 13. Public Safety and Diversion
- 14. Social Justice and Human Rights
- 15. Technology and Data
- 16. Arts, Culture, and the Creative Economy
- 17. Legislation
- 18. Parks and Open Space
- 19. Planning/Land Use
- 20. Transportation
- 21. Veterans
- 22. Delegated Authority