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AUGUST 4, 2026

Proclaiming August 2–8, 2026 as “National Health Center Week” in Los Angeles County

The country’s health care system has been supported by Community Health Centers for over 60 years. Community Health Centers are the country’s largest primary care network, providing high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventive health care to communities with limited access. By expanding access in underserved locations, they keep more Americans healthy and mitigate some of the need for urgent, more expensive care, such as in hospital emergency rooms. Community Health Centers are also locally owned and operated, making them critical economic engines in local communities, supporting over 800,000 direct and indirect jobs nationwide.

In Los Angeles County, approximately one in five residents get their care at one of the 113 nonprofit Community Health Centers in the County. These Community Health Centers provide comprehensive care including primary medical, dental, behavioral health, vision, reproductive health, pharmacy, and substance use disorder services, regardless of an individual’s insurance status or ability to pay. Importantly, 74 percent of patients served by Community Health Centers in the County are living with low incomes; 93 percent are covered by Medi-Cal, other public insurance, or are uninsured; and more

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than 78,000 patients are experiencing homelessness. In serving the most vulnerable, Community Health Centers are on the front lines of emerging health care crises from the opioid epidemic to public health threats in the wake of natural and environmental disasters.

As the County’s health care system faces significant threats under H.R.1, the role of Community Health Centers will continue to become even more essential in ensuring access to critical health services among the County’s most vulnerable communities. This August, the Board of Supervisors celebrates the legacy of Community Health Centers and their vital role in building innovative and responsive care across local communities.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim August 2-8, 2026 as “National Health Center Week,” and urge all employees and residents of the County to participate in this week by visiting their local health center and celebrating the vital partnership between America’s Community Health Centers and the communities they serve.

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO PROCLAIM NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK 2026

America's Health Centers: Building Innovative Care Where It Matters Most

WHEREAS, for over 60 years, Community Health Centers have provided high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventive health care in our nation's communities with limited access, delivering value to, and having a significant impact on America's health care system.

WHEREAS, as the country's largest primary care network, Community Health Centers are the health care home for 52 million Americans in over 17,000 communities across the country. One in every seven people in the United States gets their care at a Community Health Center.

WHEREAS, in Los Angeles County, 113 nonprofit community health center organizations operate more than 500 sites, serving 2.18 million patients each year—approximately one in every five County residents.

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are a critical element of the nation's health system, serving rural, suburban, island, frontier, mountain and urban populations often providing the only source of primary care in their communities. Nationwide, Community Health Centers serve one in every three residents of rural areas.

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are responding to the chronic disease epidemic by expanding access to primary care, which keeps Americans healthy and out of expensive settings like hospital emergency rooms. Community Health Centers provided cancer screenings to over 10 million patients in 2024 and helped 67% of patients control their hypertension and 72% of patients control their diabetes.

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers develop new approaches to integrating a wide range of services beyond primary care, including nutrition, oral health, vision, behavioral health, and pharmacy services, to provide comprehensive care that allows each patient to thrive. Community Health Centers have more than doubled their behavioral health workforce in the last decade to meet Americans' growing need.

WHEREAS, In Los Angeles County, community health centers provide comprehensive, whole-person care—including primary medical, dental, behavioral health, vision, reproductive health, pharmacy, and substance use disorder services—regardless of a patient's insurance status or ability to pay.

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are governed by patient-majority boards, ensuring patients are engaged in their health care decisions.

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are locally owned and operated small businesses that serve as critical economic engines, helping to power local communities by generating \$261.7 billion in economic activity.

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers nationally support more than 809,000 direct and indirect jobs, including physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, licensed family therapists, and certified nurse-midwives who work as part of multi-disciplinary clinical teams designed to treat the whole person.

WHEREAS, The Community Health Center model continues to be an effective means of overcoming barriers to health care access, including geography, income, and insurance status – improving health outcomes and reducing costs.

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County community health centers serve the County's most under-resourced residents, with nearly 74 percent of patients living with low incomes, more than 78,000 patients experiencing homelessness, and 93 percent of patients covered by Medi-Cal, other public insurance, or uninsured.

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are on the front lines of emerging health care crises, providing access to care for our nation's veterans, addressing the opioid epidemic, and responding to public health threats in the wake of natural disasters. Community Health Centers operate over 1,200 mobile units, providing care for hundreds of rural and urban communities.

WHEREAS, National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to celebrate America's over 1,500 Community Health Center organizations with more than 17,000 service delivery sites, including upwards of 4,400 school-based health centers. We honor their dedicated staff, board members, patients, and all those responsible for their continued success and growth since the first Community Health Centers opened their doors more than 60 years ago.

WHEREAS, During National Health Center Week, we celebrate the legacy of America's Community Health Centers, and their vital role in building innovative care across local communities where it matters most.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors proclaims August 2-8, 2026, as National Health Center Week. I encourage all Americans to participate in this week by visiting their local health center and celebrating the vital partnership between America's Community Health Centers and the communities they serve.

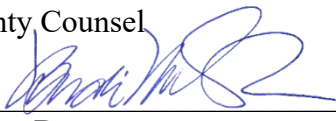
The foregoing Resolution was on the __ day of _____ 2026, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

EDWARD YEN, Executive Officer-Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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