

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
AUGUST 9 - 15, 2020
NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department (PHD) has been providing medical services since 1926 and has operated the Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) program in the county since 1989. The PHD's Five Health Care Centers and Three Shelter Based Clinics have provided high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary health care in our County's underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, the PHD Health Care Centers are the health care home for over 25,000 people. Every day, the Centers provide a wide range of services beyond primary care, including vision, behavioral health, pharmacy, and other medical specialty services to meet the needs and challenges of county residents. 1 in every 17 people in the County gets their care at a Santa Barbara County Health Care Center; and

WHEREAS, the County's Community Health Centers serve as beacons of essential resources and support in testing and treatment in the face of the global coronavirus pandemic, and will continue to offer reliable, affordable, high-quality care against COVID-19 for the most vulnerable and underserved communities.; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers reduce overall costs of care by helping manage patients' chronic conditions, which keeps them out of costlier health care settings like hospital emergency rooms.; and

WHEREAS, National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to celebrate the dedicated staff, board members, patients, and all those responsible for their continued success and growth since the first County Health Care Centers opened their doors more than 40 years ago.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim August 9 -15, served as National Health Center Week in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this eighteenth day of August 2020 by a unanimous vote of all members present.