



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
AUGUST 8 - 14, 2021
NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County is home to five Community Health Centers designated as Federally Qualified Health Care Centers (FQHC), including American Indian Health & Services, Community Health Centers of the Central Coast, Santa Barbara County Public Health Department; Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics and the Santa Ynez Tribal Health Clinic, providing high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary health care in our County's underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, the FQHCs in Santa Barbara County are the health care home for over 107,450 residents. Every day, the Centers provide a wide range of services beyond primary health care, including vision, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy, and other medical specialty services to meet the needs and challenges of county residents. 1 in every 4 county residents gets their care at a FQHC location; and

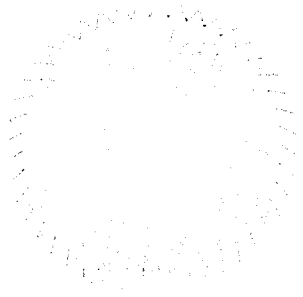
WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are on the front lines of emerging health care crises, providing access to care for our nation's veterans, addressing the opioid epidemic, and responding to public health threats in the wake of natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the County's Community Health Centers provide 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 America's most vulnerable and underserved communities; 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 Community 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 8 -14, 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 seventeenth day of August 2021 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Monica Reyes
Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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