

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK AUGUST 2-8, 2026

WHEREAS, for 60 years, community health centers have provided high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventive healthcare in our nation's communities with limited access, delivering value to, and having a significant impact on, America's healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, community health centers are a critical element of the nation's health system, often providing the only source of primary care in their communities; and

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 America's growing need; and

WHEREAS, community health centers are governed by patient-majority boards, ensuring patients are engaged in their healthcare decisions; and

WHEREAS, community health centers are locally owned and operated small businesses that serve as critical economic engines, helping to power local communities by generating over \$105 million in economic activity in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, community health centers nationally support more than 600 direct and indirect jobs in North Dakota, 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; and

WHEREAS, the community health center model continues to be an effective means of overcoming barriers to healthcare access, including geography, income and insurance status-improving health outcomes and reducing costs; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Center Week offers the opportunity to celebrate North Dakota's five community health center organizations in 19 communities. We honor their dedicated staff, board members, patients and all those responsible for their continued success.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
August 2-8, 2026, **COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE