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**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**NORTH DAKOTA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK**  
AUGUST 12-18, 2018

**WHEREAS**, for over 50 years, Community Health Centers have provided high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventative health care in our nation's underserved communities, delivering value to, and having a significant impact on, America's health care system; and

**WHEREAS**, as the country's largest primary care network, Health Centers are the health care home for 27 million Americans in over 10,000 communities across the nation. One in every 12 people in the United States receives care in a community health center; and

**WHEREAS**, Health Centers are a critical element of the health system, serving both rural and urban populations, and often providing the only accessible and dependable source of primary care in their communities. Every day, Health Centers develop new approaches to integrating a wide range of services beyond primary care, including oral health, vision, behavioral health and pharmacy services, to meet the needs and challenges of their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota's Community Health Centers provide access to affordable, high-quality health care for all North Dakotans, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay, and in doing so, improve health care outcomes and reduce health care system costs. In 2017, North Dakota's five Community Health Centers provided patient-centered, comprehensive care to more than 41,000 individuals at 20 sites located in 18 communities across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota's Health Centers are critical economic engines for the communities they serve, generating millions of dollars in combined economic impact and employing more than 350 people, including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and dentists; and

**WHEREAS**, National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to recognize North Dakota's Community Health Centers, their dedicated staff, board members, and all those responsible for their continued success and growth, and to showcase the integral role they play in the lives of their patients and in the communities they serve.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim August 12-18, 2018, **NORTH DAKOTA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.

  
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Governor

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Secretary of State