The State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
Christopher T. Sununu, Governor
A Proclamation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK
AUGUST 9-15, 2020

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are nonprofit organizations that provide "whole person" care, including primary care, oral health, pharmacy, vision, mental health, and substance use services under one roof; and

WHEREAS, for over 50 years, Community Health Centers have served on the front lines in emergencies and disasters, caring for all patients, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay, with a sliding fee scale; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers serve as medical homes for more than 121,668 Granite Staters across every county, as well as employing over 1,295 Granite Staters; and

WHEREAS, as New Hampshire battles the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the hard work and ability of their staff to so quickly adapt to the new environment is a testament to their dedication to their patients and fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers contribute to COVID-19 response efforts by screening patients, providing tests, addressing demand for behavioral health services, mitigating the impact of food insecurity, and transitioning many of their services to telehealth appointments to reduce risk of viral transmission; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers care for patients with chronic conditions and those who are likely to be disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and make our communities safer and healthier places to raise families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim AUGUST 9-15, 2020 as COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK in New Hampshire, and urge all citizens to recognize the important contributions Community Health Centers make in improving the quality of life for all people in New Hampshire.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of New Hampshire to be affixed this 27th day of July, 2020.

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor