The State of New Hampshire
By Her Excellency
Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor

A Proclamation

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK
AUGUST 7-13, 2016

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers provide high-quality, affordable health care to more than 110,000 people in New Hampshire’s underserved communities, demonstrating that locally governed health care can help improve lives while lowering costs; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are nonprofit, patient-centered medical homes that provide integrated primary and preventive care, oral, behavioral, pharmacy, and substance use disorder services; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers serve all residents, regardless of insurance coverage or ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers provide linguistically and culturally appropriate services to meet the needs and priorities of their communities and reduce visits to more expensive health care settings; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are staffed by multi-disciplinarian teams of health care professionals that choose to serve in communities in need; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers provide patient-enabling services, including transportation, care management, and translation services, which reduce health care disparities and barriers to care; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers expand access to affordable, primary, and preventive health care services, resulting in better chronic disease management;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim AUGUST 7-13, 2016, as COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK in the State of 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.

Given this 3rd day of August, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty-one.

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor