

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Arizona's Community Health Centers share a vision of equitable access to high-quality healthcare for everyone; and

WHEREAS, as the state's largest primary care safety net, Community Health Centers are the healthcare home of more than 800,000 Arizonans; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's Community Health Centers provide high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventive healthcare, and are critical partners in helping people throughout the state enroll in and retain health coverage and access the care they need; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers have patient-majority governing boards, which enable them to be responsive to the needs of communities across Arizona, including agricultural workers, individuals experiencing intimate partner violence or homelessness, people with behavioral health or substance use disorder, Veterans, and many others; and

WHEREAS, the more than 200 Community Health Center sites operating across rural and medically-underserved urban areas are key economic and health drivers, employing over 7,800 people who collectively deliver physical, mental, dental, and pharmacy services; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers in Arizona are actively working to address the social determinants and drivers of health, so everyone can access the tools and opportunities they need to thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim August 6-12, 2023 as

ARIZONA HEALTH CENTER WEEK

and encourage all Arizonans to visit their local Community Health Center and celebrate the important partnership between Arizona's Community Health Centers and the communities they serve.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fourth day of August in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Eighth.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE