

State of North Carolina



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GOVERNOR

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are nonprofit, patient-governed health providers serving uninsured and medically underserved people in the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's Community Health Centers provide comprehensive primary medical care to over 376,000 patients through more than 1.2 million patient visits according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration Bureau of Primary Health Care; and

WHEREAS, fifty-one percent of the patients served by North Carolina's Community Health Centers are uninsured, and seventy-percent are classified as low-income according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration Bureau of Primary Health Care; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers expand access to quality health care for all people and contain health care costs by fostering prevention and integrating the delivery of primary medical, dental, and behavioral health care with aggressive outreach, patient education, translation and other enabling services; and

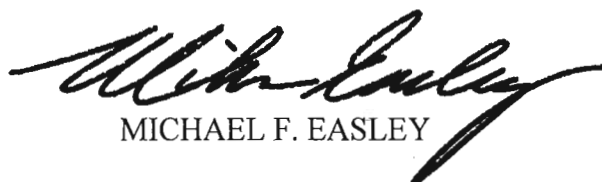
WHEREAS, Community Health Centers have made great strides in the North Carolina health care system specifically by maintaining high standards of accountability, demonstrating cost effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of care, and empowering communities to address unmet health needs, reduce health disparities, and reduce preventable deaths, costly disabilities, and communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need to support implementation of Community Health Centers throughout the State of North Carolina as part of the North Carolina's enduring commitment to the provision of quality primary health care; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Community Health Center Association celebrates its thirtieth year of service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of August 10-16, 2008, as "**COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK**" in North Carolina and urge citizens to recognize the important contributions of Community Health Centers in safeguarding health and improving the quality of life for all people in the great state of North Carolina.




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