

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, For nearly 60 years, Community Health Centers have provided high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventive health care in our nation's medically underserved communities, delivering value to, and having a significant impact on Massachusetts' health care system; and

Whereas, Massachusetts Community Health Centers are a critical element of the health care system, serving rural, suburban, and urban populations, often providing the only accessible and dependable source of primary care in their communities; and

Whereas, Massachusetts' 50 Community Health Centers serve more than 1,000,000 patients of all ages and racial and ethnic backgrounds, in more than 285 communities, and represent a major source of care for medically underserved women and children; and

Whereas, Massachusetts Community Health Centers serve as beacons of essential resources and support in the face of disasters and will continue to respond quickly to care for Massachusetts' most vulnerable and underserved communities; and

Whereas, Massachusetts Community Health Centers have created over 17,800 jobs, including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, licensed family therapists and certified nurse-midwives, who work as part of multi-disciplinary clinical teams designed to treat the whole patient, and generated over \$2,800,000,000 in total economic activity in 2021; and

Whereas, Massachusetts Community Health Centers reduce overall costs of care by helping to manage patients' chronic conditions, which keeps them out of more expensive healthcare settings like hospital emergency rooms; and

Whereas, During Massachusetts Health Center Week, we celebrate the legacy of Massachusetts' Community Health Centers, and their vital role in shaping the past, present and future of Massachusetts' health care system,

Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim August 3rd through August 9th, 2025, to be,


MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK


And urge all the residents of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this fourth day of August, in the year two thousand and twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-ninth.

BY HER EXCELLENCY


MAURA T. HEALEY
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH


KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH


WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts