

City of Lowell
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

By his honor

Daniel P. Rourke

Mayor

A Proclamation

Whereas

National Health Center Week recognizes the more than 1,500 community health centers across the United States that serve as the foundation of our nation's primary care system, providing essential health services to one in every eleven Americans. These centers, including Lowell Community Health Center, play a critical role in ensuring access to high-quality, affordable care for all—particularly in underserved communities. At a time when connection, continuity, and equity in healthcare have never been more vital, community health centers stand as trusted institutions delivering compassionate, patient-centered care; and

Whereas

this year marks the 55th anniversary of Lowell Community Health Center, a trusted healthcare home for over 41,000 patients in Greater Lowell, providing a full spectrum of services including primary care, behavioral health, oral and vision care, substance use treatment, school-based health, and more. Through over 160,000 visits annually, the health center generates more than \$150 million in economic activity while saving the healthcare system over \$73 million, exemplifying the impact and value of community-based care; and

Whereas

as we celebrate this milestone, we also look ahead to the future with the launch of a Family Medicine Residency Program to train the next generation of physicians in and for Lowell. National Health Center Week offers an opportunity to honor the dedicated staff, board members, and partners who bring the health center's mission to life — ensuring every person is welcomed, every voice is heard, and every visit builds trust: The Power to Care in action.

Now, Therefore, I,

Daniel P. Rourke, Mayor of the City of Lowell, do hereby proclaim August 4 through August 10, 2025, as National Health Center Week in the City of Lowell. I encourage all residents to celebrate the 55th anniversary of Lowell Community Health Center and to recognize its vital role in building a healthier, more equitable community for all.

Given this 6th day of August 20 25

Daniel P. Rourke, Mayor
City of Lowell

