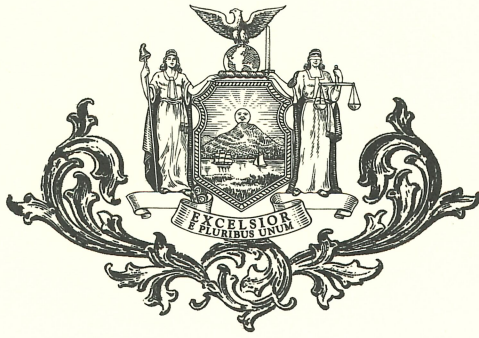




State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, Community Health Centers serve as critical pillars of New York State's and the nation's health care infrastructure, providing high-quality care through a holistic approach to medicine for nearly 60 years, integrating primary care, behavioral health, dental services, vision care, pharmacy services, and case management for approximately 2.5 million New Yorkers; and

Whereas, one in eight New Yorkers, spanning rural, urban, suburban, and mountain communities, relies on Community Health Centers for their medical needs; these centers frequently serve as the sole accessible and dependable source of health care available within their regions; and

Whereas, governed by patient-majority boards, Community Health Centers facilitate an environment where patients are engaged in their own health care decisions; and

Whereas, Community Health Centers collectively generate \$8 billion in economic activity across the state and employ more than 22,000 people, including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and licensed midwives; and

Whereas, this model of care continues to prove an effective means of overcoming barriers to healthcare access—including geography, income, and insurance status—improving health care outcomes and reducing health care system costs; and

Whereas, we celebrate New York's network of over 80 health center organizations operating more than 860 service delivery sites statewide, alongside their dedicated staff, board members, and patients, all of whom have contributed to the network's continued success and growth since the first health centers opened their doors more than half a century ago; and

Whereas, New York State welcomes the opportunity to honor the enduring legacy of our Community Health Centers and celebrate their foundational role in shaping the past, present, and future of our health care delivery system;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim August 2-8, 2026, as

HEALTH CENTER WEEK

in the Empire State.

G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this twenty-eighth day
of July in the year two thousand twenty-six.



Kathy Hochul

Governor

[Signature]

Secretary to the Governor
Karen Persichilli Keogh