



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, community health centers are at the core of our health care system and are the nation's safety net, keeping communities healthy and productive by delivering high quality, cost effective, and accessible primary care to all individuals regardless of their ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, Nevada's community health centers are located in medically underserved areas and locally-controlled by patient-majority boards making each health center responsive to the needs of their community. Currently, there are four health centers serving as medical homes for more than 72,000 individuals in 11 counties; and

WHEREAS, health centers are local, community-owned-and-operated businesses, and they serve as critical economic engines helping to power local economies. In these tough economic times, health centers are economic drivers in their communities. In 2013 alone, Nevada's two senior health centers generated nearly \$70 million in combined economic impact and were responsible for over 700 jobs throughout the Silver State; and

WHEREAS, health centers offer patient-focused, coordinated health care by providing preventive and primary care that families and individuals need, where and when they need it, and employing a multi-disciplinary clinical workforce designed to treat the whole patient through culturally-competent, accessible, and integrated care. This unique model allows health centers to save Nevada's health system approximately \$84 million annually by keeping patients out of costlier health care settings, such as emergency rooms; and

WHEREAS, National Health Center Week is an opportunity to recognize America's health centers and health centers across the State of Nevada, their staff, board members, and all those responsible for the continued success and growth of the program since it was created over 45 years ago. During this National Health Center Week, we recognize the multitude of ways in which America's Health Centers are powering and empowering healthier communities by delivering high quality, cost effective, and accessible health care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim August 10 - 16, 2014, as

NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 8th day of July, 2014.

By the Governor:

Governor

P. Ross Miller

Secretary of State

By _____

Deputy