

The State of New Hampshire
By Her Excellency
Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor

A Proclamation

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK
AUGUST 11-17, 2013

WHEREAS, Community health centers are nonprofit, community-based providers of comprehensive primary and preventive health care, including oral and behavioral health as well as substance abuse services; and

WHEREAS, Community health centers provide health care to the medically underserved in every county in New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, Community health centers serve all residents, regardless of insurance coverage or ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, Community health centers provide linguistically and culturally appropriate services to meet the needs and priorities of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Community health centers are staffed by health professionals who choose to serve in communities in need, helping to expand the reach of primary and preventive care; and

WHEREAS, Community health centers provide patient-enabling services, including transportation, care management, and translation services that facilitate the effective provision of primary and preventive care; and

WHEREAS, Community health centers help New Hampshire lower costs and reduce emergency department visits by providing a high-quality, patient-centered medical home;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **AUGUST 11th-17th, 2013** as **COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK** in New Hampshire and urge all citizens to recognize the important contributions community health centers make in improving the quality of life for all people in New Hampshire.

Given this 11th day of August, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-eight.

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor