



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

*Proclamation*

WHEREAS, this year's National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to recognize America's health centers, their staff, board members and all those responsible for the continued success and growth of the program since its creation almost 50 years ago. During National Health Center Week, we recognize the multitude of ways in which America's Health Centers are transforming care in local communities by delivering comprehensive, high quality, cost effective and accessible health care; and

WHEREAS, Health centers offer patient-focused, coordinated health care including, preventative and primary care that families and individuals need, in a timely manner and at accessible locations; and

WHEREAS, Health centers employ more than 9,500 physicians and more than 6,300 nurse practitioners, physician assistants and certified nurse midwives, along with social workers, case managers, and community health workers, as part of a multi-disciplinary clinical team designed to treat the whole patient, coordinating care and managing chronic disease, while reducing unnecessary, avoidable and wasteful use of health resources; and

WHEREAS, The health center model has been proven to be an effective means of overcoming barriers to access for the medically underserved and in doing so, improving health care outcomes and reducing health care costs; and

WHEREAS, Health centers are committed to meeting the needs of the communities they serve and to grow their reach in serving individuals who currently lack regular access to health care; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

**AUGUST 11 THROUGH AUGUST 17, 2013**

**AS**

**HEALTH CENTER WEEK**

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this eleventh day of August in the year two thousand thirteen, the two hundred thirty-eighth year of the Independence of the United States.

*Kim Guadagno*  
Lt. GOVERNOR

*Chris Christie*  
GOVERNOR