



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, this year's National Health Center Week, with the theme "Celebrating America's Health Centers: Powering Healthier Communities," marks the 47th anniversary of the Health Centers Program, which serves more than 20 million people in every state and territory; and

WHEREAS, community health centers reflect the unique needs of their clients and offer patient-focused preventive and primary care to families and individuals and provide services including diabetes management, pre- and post-natal care, oral health programs, behavioral health services and health and fitness programs; and

WHEREAS, community health centers are an essential part of health care in New Jersey, providing more effective and economical primary care than hospital emergency rooms; in 2011 alone, approximately 450,000 patients were treated at New Jersey's 20 Federally Qualified Health Centers and 105 satellite sites; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has maintained and increased support of community health centers with a record \$50 million in funding for the uninsured included in the budget for Fiscal Year 2013; and

WHEREAS, 43% of patients treated at community health centers are uninsured, nearly 45% are covered by Medicaid/FamilyCare and more than 70% are children and women of child-bearing age; and

WHEREAS, more than 50 free public events will be held throughout New Jersey during Health Center Week to promote wellness, including health fairs, health screenings, immunizations and family activities;

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

AUGUST 5 THROUGH AUGUST 11, 2012
AS
HEALTH CENTER WEEK

in New Jersey.



Kim Guadagno
Lt. GOVERNOR

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this thirty-first day of July in the year two thousand twelve, the two hundred thirty-seventh year of the Independence of the United States.

Chris Christie
GOVERNOR