

COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

Proclamation

WHEREAS Community Health Centers are a critical element of the health system, serving both rural and urban communities, providing high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventive health care in our nation's underserved communities, and

WHEREAS Community Health Centers serve as beacons of essential resources and support in testing and treatment in the face of the global coronavirus pandemic, and will continue to offer reliable, affordable, high-quality care for our most vulnerable and underserved communities; and

WHEREAS every day, Community Health Centers develop new approaches to integrating a wide range of services, including oral health, vision, behavioral health, and pharmacy services, to meet the needs and challenges of their communities; and

WHEREAS Community Health Centers are locally owned and operated small businesses that serve as critical economic engines, helping to power local economies by generating economic activity; and

WHEREAS Community Health Centers employ physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and certified nurse-midwives who work as part of multi-disciplinary clinical teams designed to treat the whole patient; and

WHEREAS the Community Health Center model continues to prove an effective means of overcoming barriers to healthcare access, including geography, income, and insurance status - improving healthcare outcomes and reducing healthcare system costs; and,

WHEREAS Community Health Centers are on the front lines of emerging health care crises, providing access to care for our veterans, addressing the opioid epidemic, and responding to public health threats in the wake of natural disasters; and

WHEREAS we celebrate the legacy of Community Health Centers, and their vital role in shaping the past, present, and future of our health care system.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MITCHELL D. ROTH, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim August 7-13, 2022 as

NATIONAL HEALTH CARE WEEK

in the County of Hawai'i and encourage all residents to celebrate the important partnership between Community Health Centers and the people they serve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused The Seal of the County of Hawai'i to be affixed. Done this 7th day of August 2022 in Hilo, Hawai'i.



MITCHELL D. ROTH
MAYOR