

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Community Health Centers are private, nonprofit community-driven entities that strive to ensure that every Arkansan has equal access to high-quality, comprehensive health care, including primary medical, dental, mental, and preventive health-care services; and

WHEREAS: Currently, a significant number of citizens have difficulty finding such health care due to a number of reasons, the most notable being geographical isolation and an insufficient number of available health-care providers; and

WHEREAS: Community Health Centers are a vital part of the state's health-care system and have shown to have high standards of accountability, while demonstrating cost-effectiveness, empowering communities to develop programs to meet their specific needs, enhancing health-care opportunities for children and families, and providing services in accessible, low-cost environments; and

WHEREAS: Community Health Centers continue to make a difference in the Arkansas health-care system by adhering to the patient-centered, medical-home model, which improves access to quality health care provided by multi-disciplinary trained professionals, promoting individual responsibility and health awareness in communities, and offering primary preventive health care of the highest quality to reduce emergency room utilization, costly disabilities, reduce the spread of communicable diseases, and manage chronic disease conditions. These centers enable Arkansans to be a part of their community's workforce; and

WHEREAS: Continued support of Community Health Centers in Arkansas provides for flourishing communities in which all citizens are given access to quality health care, helping healthy families to thrive in the workplace, in schools, in our homes, and generally in all aspects of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim August 13th through August 19th, 2017 as

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across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to recognize the important contributions of Arkansas's Community Health Centers in improving the availability and accessibility of high-quality health care for all individuals and families in our State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 14th day of July, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State