



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

**A PROCLAMATION**

**COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK**

**WHEREAS:** Federally Qualified Health Centers in 229 medically underserved communities in Georgia provide quality primary and preventive health care to more than 650,000 people in the State. More than 245,000 Medicaid recipients and 255,000 uninsured receive these services, along with the working poor, the underinsured, elderly, homeless, and other vulnerable populations, without regard to income status, cultural or ethnic heritage, or disease conditions; and

**WHEREAS:** Community Health Centers contribute more than \$350 million per year to Georgia's economy through indirect and induced economic activity, including 4,000 Georgia jobs; and

**WHEREAS:** Community Health Centers recruit and retain more than 350 health care professionals where they are most needed and offer access to a wide range of cost-effective medical and dental services, behavioral health services, prescription medicines, health education, nutrition counseling, translation services, community outreach, transportation, and other support programs; and

**WHEREAS:** Federally Qualified Health Centers provided valuable contributions to the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Community Health Centers administered over 220,000 Coronavirus tests and vaccinated over 60,000 Georgians; and


**WHEREAS:** Georgia's Community Health Centers and their state organization, the Georgia Primary Care Association, have worked diligently to increase the number of health centers in Georgia and have taken a leadership role in establishing more health centers in underserved communities to resolve health care access problems in Georgia. They have demonstrated commendable efforts in continuous quality improvement, the implementation of new health care initiatives, and utilization of the latest technology to improve operations and delivery of services to more Georgians; and

**WHEREAS:** Community Health Centers have more than five decades of experience expanding health care access and improving the health status of all Georgians; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST  
  
CHIEF OF STAFF

