

*Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California*

Resolution No.

Proclaim the Week of August 7-13, 2016 as _____)
“**National Health Center Week**” in Monterey County ...)

WHEREAS, for over 50 years, Community Health Centers have provided high-quality, affordable health care in our nation’s underserved communities, demonstrating that locally governed healthcare can improve lives while lowering costs; and

WHEREAS, what began as a small demonstration project in two states has grown into the country’s largest primary care network, with Health Centers now serving as the health care home for over 24 million Americans through more than 9,000 delivery sites across the nation. One in every fourteen people living in the United States looks to a community health center for their care; and

WHEREAS, Health Centers provide high quality, cost effective, and accessible primary and preventive care, including integrated medical, oral, vision, behavioral health, and pharmacy services, to all individuals regardless of insurance status or ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, Health Centers are located in medically underserved areas and locally controlled by patient-majority boards, ensuring that each Health Center always remains responsive to the needs of the specific community it serves; and

WHEREAS, Health Centers nationally employ nearly 170,000 people, including more than 11,200 physicians and more than 9,000 nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and certified nurse midwives who work as part of a multi-disciplinary clinical teams designed to treat the whole patient; and

WHEREAS, Health Centers save the entire health system approximately \$24 billion annually by managing chronic conditions and keeping patients out of costlier health care settings, like hospital emergency rooms; and

WHEREAS, Health Centers in Monterey County provide high-quality, affordable health care services to over 100,000 County residents regardless of ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County Health Department, Clinic Services Bureau’s nine clinic locations serve over 43,000 patients with 171,000 patient encounters annually.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Monterey, that the week of August 7-13, 2016, be designated “**National Health Center Week**” to encourage all to visit their local Health Center and celebrate the important partnership between America’s Health Centers and the communities they serve.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this _____ day of _____, 2016 by the following vote, to wit:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSENT:

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book _____, for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California.

By _____
Deputy