



Office of the
Orange County Mayor

Proclamation

WHEREAS, America's community health centers are at the core of our health care system and the nation's safety net, providing quality comprehensive primary care to all, regardless of their ability to pay. Community health centers also have a demonstrated ability to deliver high-quality, cost-effective, and affordable care; and

WHEREAS, Today health centers serve more than 23 million people each year, in over 8,000 rural and urban communities in every state and territory. Each health center is as unique as the patients it serves, a reflection of the consumer-majority board that is a core element of the health center model; and

WHEREAS, Health centers save the health care system \$24 billion annually in reduced emergency, hospital, and specialty care costs and generate \$20 billion in economic activity for low income communities annually, all while improving the health of their patients and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Health centers offer patient-focused, coordinated health care - preventive and primary care that families and individuals need. Health center patients also receive education and enrollment assistance, case management services, in addition to integrated dental and behavioral health services as well; and

WHEREAS, National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to recognize America's health centers, as well as health centers throughout Orange County, FL, their staff, board members, and all those responsible for the continued success and growth of the program since its creation over 45 years ago. During this National Health Center Week, local Health Centers will be hosting visitors, holding health fairs, screenings, blood drives, immunizations and open house events ;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teresa Jacobs, Orange County Mayor, do hereby proclaim August 7 through 13, 2011, as

NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

I encourage every resident to visit their local health center and recognize, appreciate, and celebrate the important partnership between Orange County health centers and the communities they serve.

DONE AND ORDERED this 3rd day of August, 2011.



TERESA JACOBS, ORANGE COUNTY MAYOR

