



United States House of Representatives

PROCLAMATION

By
Congressman Juan Vargas

La Maestra Community Health Centers National Health Center Week

WHEREAS, for more than fifty years, Community Health Centers have provided high-quality, cost effective, accessible primary and preventative care to all individuals in our nation's underserved communities; and

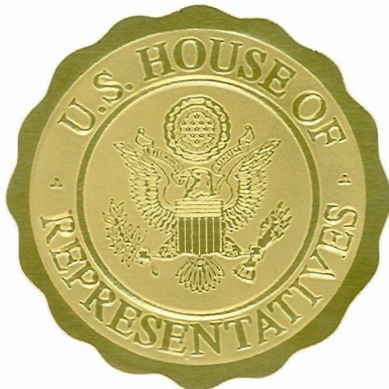
WHEREAS, Health Centers are operated nonprofit businesses that serve as health homes for more than 24 million Americans and are critical economic engines by nationally employing nearly 170,000 people; and

WHEREAS, La Maestra Community Health Centers was founded by teachers and volunteers in 1990 to offer care to diverse residents of San Diego, became a Federally Qualified Health Center in 1998, and now employs over 500 people, nearly 350 of whom work in California's 51st Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, La Maestra Community Health Centers provides culturally competent healthcare and support services to more than 46,000 low-income people annually, it has been recognized locally and nationwide for its work with special populations, such as immigrants, refugees, public housing residents, homeless, victims of violent crime, domestic violence, human trafficking and others; and

WHEREAS, National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to celebrate those responsible for the continued growth and success of Community Health Centers and their vital role in shaping America's health care system; now therefore be it

RESOLVED BY CONGRESSMAN JUAN VARGAS that on the week of August 7-13, 2016, we honor the legacy of America's Health Centers and recognize the dedicated staff of La Maestra Community Health Centers for their devotion to improving the communities they serve in California's 51st Congressional District.



Dated this 12th of August, 2016

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Juan Vargas".

JUAN VARGAS
Member of Congress