



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK

WHEREAS, Virginia's Community Health Centers are at the core of our health care system and the Commonwealth's safety net, and deliver high quality, cost-effective, accessible primary and preventative care to all individuals regardless of their ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, currently there are more than 140 Community Health Center sites across the Commonwealth, serving as health homes for more than 300,000 Virginians; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers in the Commonwealth employ more than 2,500 physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, dentists, dental hygienists, psychologists, social workers, case managers, and other health care professionals; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers also employ non-clinical support staff, as part of multi-disciplinary clinical teams designed to treat the whole patient, coordinate care, and manage chronic disease; and

WHEREAS, as locally-governed and locally-operated non-profit organizations, Community Health Centers also serve as critical economic engines that power local economies to create jobs and revenue; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Center Week offers the opportunity to recognize Virginia's Community Health Centers, their staff, board members, and all those responsible for the long-standing success and continued growth of the program; and

WHEREAS, during this Community Health Center Week, we recognize the multitude of ways that Community Health Centers are transforming care in local communities by delivering comprehensive, high quality, cost-effective, and accessible health care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize August 7-13, 2016, as **COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



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Governor

Handwritten signature of Kelly Thomas in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of the Commonwealth