

# United States House of Representatives



## PROCLAMATION

By

Congresswoman Susan A. Davis

### *National Health Center Week La Maestra Community Health Centers*

WHEREAS, for over 50 years, community health centers have provided high-quality, affordable health care in our nation's underserved communities; and

WHEREAS health centers now serve as the health care home for over 24 million Americans through more than 9,000 delivery sites across the nation; 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 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; and

WHEREAS the health center model continues to prove to be an effective means of reducing healthcare disparities and overcoming barriers to healthcare access; and

WHEREAS, since 1991, La Maestra Community Health Centers have been dedicated to their mission of providing quality health care and education; improving the overall wellbeing of the family; bringing the under-served, ethnically diverse communities into the mainstream of our society through a caring, effective, culturally and linguistically competent manner; and respecting the dignity of all patients; and

WHEREAS La Maestra serves 46,000 people annually in San Diego's most diverse and underserved communities through its clinics in City Heights, El Cajon, National City and Lemon Grove; and

WHEREAS National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to recognize America's health centers, their dedicated staff, board members, and all those responsible for their continued success and growth.

THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim August 7-13, 2016 as National Health Center Week in the 53<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District of California.

Dated this August 9, 2016

  
SUSAN A. DAVIS  
Member of Congress