

Columbus, Georgia

Georgia's First Consolidated Government

Proclamation

WHEREAS, America's community health centers are at the core of our health care system and the nation's safety net, delivering high quality, cost effective, and accessible primary and preventative care to all individuals regardless of their ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, The health center model has been proven to be an effective means of overcoming barriers to access for the medically underserved and in doing so, improving health care outcomes and reducing health care costs; and

WHEREAS, Valley Healthcare System, Inc. is currently one of 1,300 community health centers as health homes for more than 28 million individuals at more than 9,200 locations across the country; and

WHEREAS, Locally, Valley Healthcare System, Inc. serves more than 9400 individuals at three locations within the Chattahoochee Valley region; and

WHEREAS, Valley Healthcare System, Inc. is responsive to the needs of the individual community it serves by offering patient-focused, coordinated preventive and primary health care that families and individuals need; and

WHEREAS, Valley Healthcare System, Inc. and the nation's community health centers are committed to expanding to meet the needs of the communities they serve and to grow their reach to serve every individual who currently lacks regular access to a health care home; and

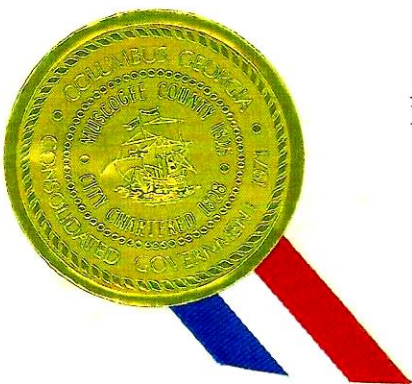
WHEREAS, National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to recognize America's health centers, their staff, board members, and all those responsible for the continued success and growth of the program since its creation over 50 years ago; and


WHEREAS, We encourage every citizen to celebrate the partnership between America's Health Centers and the communities they serve and to recognize the important contribution of the Valley Healthcare System, Inc. to Columbus as it improves the quality of life of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teresa Pike Tomlinson, Mayor of Columbus, Georgia do hereby proclaim August 7-13, 2016

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of Columbus, Georgia to be affixed this second day of August, 2016.




HONORABLE TERESA PIKE TOMLINSON
MAYOR
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA