



John Bel Edwards
GOVERNOR

Proclamation

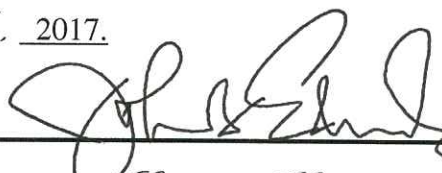
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana's Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) provide a tremendous asset to the state's healthcare system by providing low cost, quality healthcare services to the citizens of Louisiana; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana's FQHCs are providing over one million medical, oral and behavioral health patient visits to more than 344,000 individual patients annually, many of whom live in medically underserved and rural areas of our state; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana's FQHCs, which are spread throughout the state in over 220 individual facilities, are tasked with treating those patients who do not have the financial benefit of health insurance coverage as well as those who rely on Medicaid and Medicare; and
- WHEREAS,** in addition to providing cost-effective care, Louisiana's FQHCs remain vigilant in adhering to the most stringent clinical requirements in their commitment to offer the highest quality of patient care and safety; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana's FQHCs, along with the Louisiana Primary Care Association, stand ready to work even more closely with the state in continuing to provide the highest quality of care to our state's citizens in Louisiana's most medically underserved areas; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana's participation in National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to cherish and celebrate the fantastic work done by Louisiana's FQHCs and recognize the important role they play as health innovators in their communities.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** **I, John Bel Edwards,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim August 13 - 19, 2017 as

FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS WEEK
in the State of Louisiana.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the
State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of
Baton Rouge, on this 13th day of August*

A. D., 2017.



Governor of Louisiana