

NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

“August 12, 2018 – August 18, 2018”

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: For over 50 years, Community Health Centers have provided high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventative health care in our nation’s underserved communities, delivering value to, and having a significant impact on, America’s health care system; and

WHEREAS: As the country’s largest primary care network, Health Centers now serve as the health care home for over 25 million Americans in over 10,000 delivery sites across the nation; and

WHEREAS: Our local Community Health Center, Golden Valley Health Centers, provides critical medical, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy, and specialty services to 150,000 patients throughout Merced and Stanislaus Counties; and

WHEREAS: Health Centers are locally controlled by patient-majority boards, ensuring that the patients of each Health Center are engaged in their own health care decisions; and

WHEREAS: Golden Valley Health Centers is a locally owned and operated non-profit organization that serves as a critical economic engine, helping to power the local economy by generating millions of dollars in combined efforts in some of the region’s most impacted deprived communities; and

WHEREAS: Golden Valley Health Centers continues to prove an effective means of overcoming barriers to health care access, including geography, language, income and insurance status, and in doing so, improves health care outcomes and reduces health care system costs; and

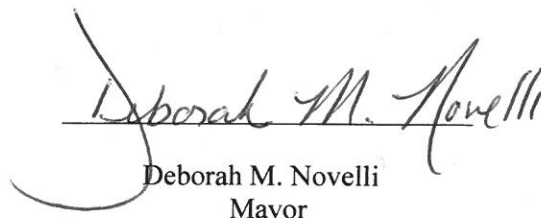
WHEREAS: Golden Valley Health Centers reduces overall costs of care by managing chronic conditions and keeping patients out of costlier health care settings, like hospital emergency rooms; and

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. During this National Health Center Week, we celebrate the 45th anniversary of Golden Valley Health Centers and the vital role they play in the well-being of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Deborah M. Novelli as Mayor of the City of Patterson, do hereby officially proclaim August 12 - 18, 2018, as “National Health Center Week”. I encourage all Americans to take part in this week by visiting Golden Valley Health Centers and celebrating the important partnership between America’s Health Centers and the patients they serve.

IN WITNESS, HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Patterson to be affixed this 17th day of July 2018.




Deborah M. Novelli
Mayor

