



CITY OF RIVERBANK
PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

WHEREAS, Health Centers are a critical element of the health system, serving both rural and urban populations, and often providing the only accessible and dependable source of primary care in their communities. Nationwide, Health Centers serve one in every six residents of rural areas; and

WHEREAS, for over 50 years, Community Health Centers have provided high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventive health care in our nation's underserved communities, delivering value to, and having a significant impact on America's health care system. Locally, Golden Valley Health Centers has been serving our communities since 1972; and

WHEREAS, every day, Health Centers develop new approaches to integrating a wide range of services beyond primary care, including oral health, vision, behavioral health, and pharmacy services, to meet the needs and challenges of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Health Centers nationally employ more than 200,000 people, including physicians, nurse practitioners, behavior health specialists, physician assistants, and certified nurse midwives who work as part of multi-disciplinary clinical teams designed to treat the whole patient. Golden Valley Health Centers has a team of over 900 people; and

WHEREAS, Health Centers are on the front lines of emerging health care crisis, providing access to care for our nation's veterans, homeless communities, addressing the opioid epidemic, and responding to public health threats in the wake of natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, during National Health Center Week, we celebrate the legacy of America's Health Centers, and their vital role in shaping the past, present, and future of America's health care system.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERBANK, do hereby proclaim August 12 - August 18, 2018, as National Health Center Week and encourage residents to take part by visiting their local Health Center and share in celebrating the important partnership between America's Health Centers and the communities they serve.

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Richard D. O'Brien
Mayor