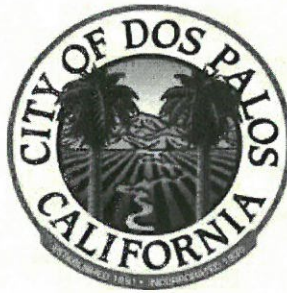


# PROCLAMATION



***SETTING AUGUST 12-18, 2018 AS NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK***

***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 nation's largest primary care network, health centers serve as the health care home for over 25 million Americans in over 10,000 delivery sites across the nation including Golden Valley Health Center in Dos Palos, now in its 46<sup>th</sup> year, providing critical medical, dental, and behavioral health services; 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--These locally operated non-profit organizations overcome barriers to health care access, including geography, language, income, or insurance; and

***WHEREAS***, Health centers reduce overall costs by managing chronic conditions, and keeping patients out of more expensive health care settings such as hospital emergency rooms; and ***NOW***,

***THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED***, that I, April Hogue, 28<sup>th</sup> Mayor of the City of Dos Palos, do hereby set August 12-18, 2018 as National Health Care Week in our community.

SIGNED:

MAYOR