



City of
Los Banos
At the Crossroads of California

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
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. Locally, Golden Valley Health Centers has been serving our communities since 1972; and

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 in rural areas; 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 are governed by patient-majority boards, ensuring that the patients of each Health Center are engaged in their own health care decisions. These Health Centers are also locally owned and operated and generate \$45.6 billion in economic impact in some of the country's most economically deprived communities; and

WHEREAS, Health Centers nationally employ more than 200,000 people who work as part of a multi-disciplinary clinical team which is designed to treat the whole patient. These Health Centers and their employees prove an effective means of overcoming barriers such as income and insurance status and in doing so improves the health care outcomes and reduces health care system costs; and

WHEREAS, National Health Center week offers the opportunity to recognize America's nearly 1,400 health center organizations with over 10,400 service delivery sites, their dedicated staff, board members, patients and all those responsible for their continued success and growth since the first health care centers opened their doors more than 50 years ago; 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, BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Mayor and City Council Members of the City of Los Banos do hereby proclaim August 12-18, 2018 as **NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK** and encourage all Americans to take part in this week by visiting their local Health Center and celebrating the important partnership between America's Health Centers and the communities they serve..

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Los Banos, this 1st day of August 2018.

APPROVED:


Michael Vialta, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lucille L. Mallonee, City Clerk

