



# Proclamation

## National Health Center Week

August 12 -18, 2018

**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 have 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 of rural areas; and

**Whereas**, Health Centers are locally owned and operated small businesses that serve as critical economic engines, helping to power local economies by generating \$45.6 billion in economic impact in some of the country's most economically deprived communities; and


**Whereas**, Health Centers are on the front lines of emerging health care crises, 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**, 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 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; and

**Now, Therefore**, I, Steve DeBrum, Mayor of the City of Manteca, on behalf of City Council, do recognize the week of August 12 through August 18, 2018, as National Health Center Week. I 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. Locally Golden Valley Health Centers will be holding events at various locations.

**DATE:** August 7, 2018

  
Mayor Steve DeBrum

