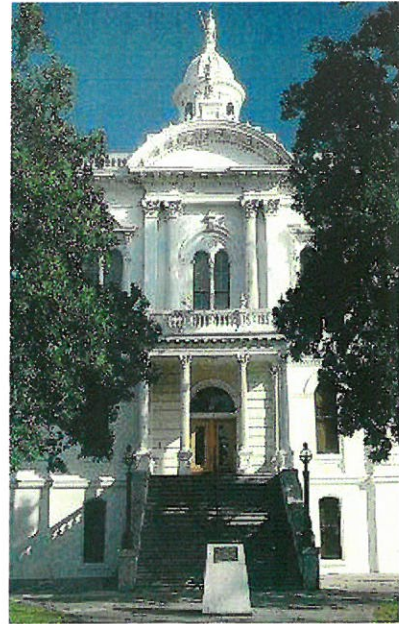


PROCLAMATION

Of

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. As the country's largest primary care network, Health Centers are the health care home for over 27 million Americans in over 10,000 communities across the nation. One in every twelve people in the United States gets their care in a community health center; and,*

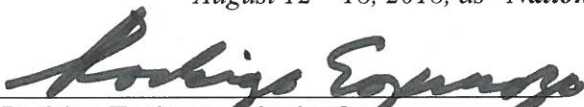
WHEREAS, *Health Centers are a critical element of the health system, serving both rural and urban populations, and often providing the only accessible and dependable source of primary care in their communities. Nationwide, Health Centers serve one in every six residents of rural areas; and,*

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. Health Centers reduce overall costs of care by helping manage patients chronic conditions, which keeps them out of costlier health care settings like hospital emergency rooms; 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.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, WE, the Merced County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim August 12 – 18, 2018, as "**National Health Center Week**" in Merced County.


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