

**Montgomery County Proclamation
National Health Center Week 2018**

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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; and

WHEREAS, Since 2002, Lone Star Family Health Center has provided high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary health care to our community's underserved residents, delivering value to, and having a significant impact on, the local healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, As the country's largest primary care network, Health Centers are the health care home for 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, Lone Star Family Health Center served 30,000 patients over 99,000 annual visits in 2017 and provided \$2,142,306 worth of patient discounts to the community; 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, Lone Star Family Health Center is a Teaching Health Center, graduating more than 230 Family Medicine Physicians with an economic impact of \$904,696 each annually, with one-fourth of those graduates remaining in Texas; 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, Lone Star Family Health Center employs more than 189 community members across four locations in Montgomery County; and

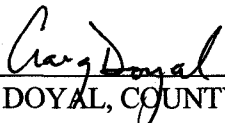
WHEREAS, The Health Center model continues to prove an effective means of overcoming barriers to healthcare access, including geography, income and insurance status, and in doing so, improves health care outcomes and reduces health care system costs; and

WHEREAS, 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, Health Centers are on the front lines of emerging health care crises, providing access to care for our nation's veterans, 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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Commissioners Court of Montgomery County, Texas, recognizes August 12-18, 2018, as National Health Center Week in Montgomery County, Texas 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.


CRAIG DOYAL, COUNTY JUDGE


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