

City of Boston
IN

CITY COUNCIL

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT FLYNN

WHEREAS: National Health Center Week is observed on the second week of August every year. It raises awareness of the vital role health centers play in safeguarding the well-being of patients and pays tribute to the immense hard work and contributions of our health care workers who keep these centers running; *and*

WHEREAS: Over 50 years ago, President Lyndon B. Johnson piloted an affordable health care system making medical services accessible to all Americans regardless of age, geography, or economic status. The first of two Neighborhood Health Centers was established in Dorchester, Massachusetts, in 1965; *and*

WHEREAS: Today, more than 30 million Americans receive quality medical, dental, and behavioral health care services annually through health centers. Across the country, there are 1,400 community-based organizations with over 14,000 service sites. In Massachusetts, 50 health centers serve over one million patients, and in Boston, 20 health centers provide primary, preventive, and specialty health care to our residents; *and*

WHEREAS: During the COVID-19 pandemic, health centers played a critical role in disseminating the latest information, setting up testing sites, and leading the effort in getting communities vaccinated. These health centers continue to care for patients, especially those who have delayed seeking care for chronic and emerging health conditions; *and*

WHEREAS: In honor of National Health Center Week, we commend our community health centers for their tireless contributions in providing such dedicated care for so many across the city and the country; *and therefore be it*

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council expresses its appreciation to the health center workers and recognizes the importance and indispensability of our Community Health Centers in serving our residents and our City, *and Be It Further*

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council declares August 7th to August 13th National Health Center Week in the City of Boston.

By: Edward M. Flynn
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: _____