



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL HEALTH
CENTER WEEK AND HONORING BOSTON'S
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS**

WHEREAS, National Health Center Week will be observed from August 2 through August 8, 2026, recognizing the extraordinary role community health centers play in improving the health and well-being of patients, families, and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Boston's community health centers provide trusted, accessible, neighborhood-based care to residents across our city, regardless of income, insurance status, immigration status, language, background, or ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, for many immigrants and newly arrived families, a community health center is one of the first places where they feel safe seeking care, asking questions, and receiving help without fear of being turned away; and

WHEREAS, Boston's health centers provide language access, culturally responsive care, and staff who understand the communities they serve, helping patients feel respected, heard, and understood; and

WHEREAS, these health centers provide far more than a doctor's visit, offering primary care, behavioral health services, dental care, preventive care, substance use treatment, pharmacy services, food pantries, nutrition assistance, social-service connections, and support with the many challenges that affect a person's health; and

WHEREAS, community health centers understand that good health is connected to access to food, stable housing, transportation, language services, mental health care, and other supports that allow individuals and families to thrive; and

WHEREAS, the Boston City Council recognizes the physicians, nurses, medical assistants, behavioral health professionals, dentists, pharmacists, community health workers, interpreters, food pantry staff, administrative teams, volunteers, and leaders who care for Boston residents every day; and

WHEREAS, the Council also recognizes Michael Curry, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, and the League for their continued leadership and advocacy on behalf of community health centers, their employees, and the patients they serve; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Boston City Council recognizes August 2 through August 8, 2026, as **National Health Center Week in the City of Boston**, expresses its sincere gratitude to Boston's community health centers for providing welcoming, compassionate, and comprehensive care to residents in every neighborhood, and reaffirms its commitment to supporting these trusted community anchors as they continue providing equitable, affordable, and culturally responsive care to all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Councilor Erin Murphy respectfully invites her colleagues to sign on and join in honoring Boston's community health centers, their dedicated employees, and the life-changing impact they have on our residents and families.