

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers, also known as Federally Qualified Health Centers, are nonprofit, community-based providers of comprehensive primary and preventive health care, including oral health and mental health services; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's 12 community health centers operate in more than 60 sites and provide care to one in four Vermonters; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's Community Health Centers offer service regardless of insurance coverage or ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's Community Health Centers tailor services to fit the special needs and priorities of their communities and provide services in a linguistically and culturally relevant manner; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's Community Health Centers are staffed by health professionals who have chosen to serve communities in need, helping to expand the reach of primary care and preventive health services; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's Community Health Centers help contain overall health care costs through integrated preventive and primary care health services, treating the whole person; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 America's Community Health Centers celebrated 50 years of success in expanding access to quality and affordable primary and preventive health care services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim August 7-13, 2016 as

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK

in Vermont and encourage Vermonters to visit a local community health center.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 14th day of July, A.D. 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Peter Shumlin", written over a horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor