

**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 preventative health care, including oral health and mental health services; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's 12 community health centers operate at 63 sites and provide care to one in four Vermonters; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's community health centers offer care 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 preventative health services; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's community health centers help to contain overall health care costs through integrated preventative and primary care health services, treating the whole person.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim August 13-19, 2017 as

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 11th day of August, A.D. 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philip B. Scott', is written over a horizontal line.

Philip B. Scott
Governor

Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs