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 across all 14

counties in Vermont and provide care to more than a quarter of

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 provide services that address

> environmental and social factors as an integral part of primary care, tailoring those services to fit the special needs and priorities of their

communities: 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim August 4 - 10, 2019

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 4th day of August, A.D. 2019.

Philip **B**.

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Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs