

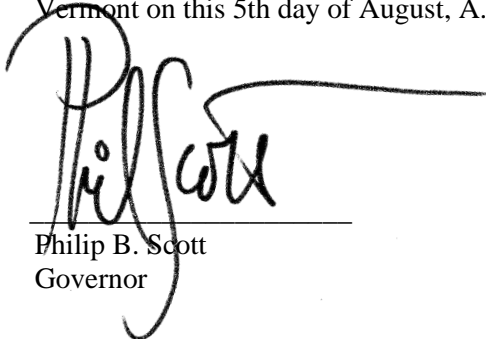
**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- 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,** for over 50 years, Community Health Centers have served on the front lines in emergencies and disasters, caring for all patients, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay, with a sliding fee scale; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont's 11 community health centers operate across all 14 counties in Vermont and provide care to more than a quarter of Vermonters; and
- WHEREAS,** Community Health Centers continue to contribute to COVID-19 response efforts by providing tests, addressing demand for mental health and substance misuse services, mitigating the impact of food insecurity, and caring for patients both in the clinic and through telehealth to meet patients' needs safely; 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,** Community Health Centers care for patients with chronic conditions and those who are likely to be disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and make our communities safer and healthier places to raise families.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim August 7-13, 2022 as


COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER AWARENESS WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 5th day of August, A.D. 2022.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs