

**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 been 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 almost a third of Vermonters; and

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

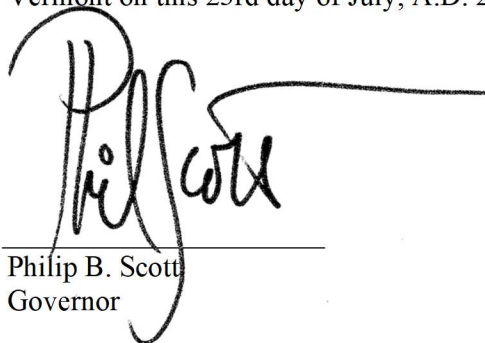
WHEREAS, Vermont's Community Health Centers provide services that address environmental and social factors, including transportation, food access, mental health, and substance use disorder, as an integral part of primary care, tailoring those services to fit the special needs and priorities of their communities; and

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

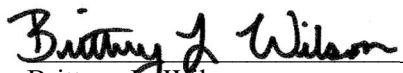
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the week of August 4 - 10, 2024, as

**COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK
in Vermont.**

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 23rd day of July, A.D. 2024.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs