

City of Commerce City, Colorado



Proclamation

WHEREAS, for over 50 years, Community Health Centers have provided high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventive health care in our nation's underserved communities, delivering value to, and having a significant impact on America's health care system; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are a critical element of the health system, serving both rural and urban communities, and often providing the only accessible and dependable source of primary care in their communities. Nationwide, Community Health Centers serve one in every five residents of rural areas; and

WHEREAS, every day, Community Health Centers develop new approaches to integrating a wide range of services beyond primary care, including oral health, vision, behavioral health, and pharmacy services, to meet the needs and challenges of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are locally owned and operated small businesses that serve as critical economic engines, helping to power local economies by generating \$85 billion in economic activity and more than \$37 billion in labor income in some of the country's most economically distressed communities; and

WHEREAS, the Community Health Center model continues to prove an effective means of overcoming barriers to healthcare access, including geography, income, and insurance status - improving healthcare outcomes and reducing healthcare system costs; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Huseman, on behalf of the City Council, hereby proclaim August 6-12, 2022 as National Health Center Week and encourage all residents to take part in this week by visiting their local Health Center and celebrating the important partnership between America's Community Health Centers and the communities they serve.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed on the seventeenth day of August 2023.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Benjamin A. Huseman, Mayor

