

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are nonprofit, community-owned and operated health providers serving uninsured and medically underserved people in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers expand access to affordable, high quality, cost-effective health care and contain health care costs by fostering prevention and integrating in the delivery of primary care with aggressive outreach, patient education, translation and other enabling services; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers have made great strides in the Illinois health care system by maintaining high standards of accountability, demonstrating cost effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of care, and empowering communities to address unmet health needs, reduce health disparities, and reduce preventable deaths, costly disabilities, and communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are staffed by doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other health professionals who have chosen to serve in communities in need, helping to expand the reach of primary care and preventative health services; and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need to support implementation of Community Health Centers throughout the State of Illinois as part of Illinois' enduring commitment to the provision of quality primary health care; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers promote 100 percent access and zero health disparities to help achieve health care for all people:

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim August 8-14, 2010 as **COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK** in Illinois, in recognition of the contributions of community health centers in expanding access to health care and improving the health and future wellbeing of all people in our state.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-SEVENTH *day of* MAY, *in*
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
TEN, *and of the State of Illinois*
the one hundred and NINETY-SECOND

Jose White

SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR