

The State of Washington



Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers expand access to quality health care for all people, helping to contain health care costs by encouraging prevention and integrating 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 Washington's 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, reduce preventable deaths, costly disabilities, and communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need to support implementation of Community Health Centers throughout the state as part of Washington's enduring commitment to quality health care; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim August 6-12, 2006, as

Health Center Week

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 28th day of April, 2006

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christine O. Gregoire".

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

