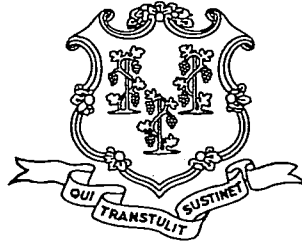


State of



Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, Connecticut's thirteen Community Health Centers are private, nonprofit corporations that provide high quality, comprehensive health care to medically underserved people in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that Community Health Centers remain viable providers of primary health care throughout Connecticut by providing a host of support services, including transportation, translation, and other enabling services; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers have made an extraordinary contribution to the Connecticut health care delivery system by maintaining a high standard of accountability, demonstrating cost effectiveness, empowering communities to develop programs to meet their specific needs, strengthening communities to enhance opportunities for children and families, and providing health care services in accessible low-cost environments; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers have improved access to quality health care provided by trained professionals in areas that had previously been unserved or underserved in Connecticut, promoting individual responsibility and health awareness in the communities, and offering primary preventive health care of the highest quality to reduce preventable deaths, costly disabilities, and communicable disease; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers throughout the State of Connecticut reflect Connecticut's enduring commitment to the provision of primary health care; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers promote 100% access and zero health disparity to help achieve primary health care for everyone and end health disabilities; now

THEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially designate the week of August 10-16, 2008, as

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK
in the State of Connecticut.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor