

# Executive Department

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## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, America's community health centers are at the core of our health care system; delivering high quality, cost effective, and accessible primary care to all individuals regardless of their ability to pay keeps communities healthy and productive; and

**WHEREAS**, health centers are located in medically underserved areas and are locally-controlled by patient-majority boards, making each Health Center responsive to the needs of their community. Currently, there are more than 1,200 health centers serving as medical homes for more than 20 million individuals at more than 8,100 locations; and

**WHEREAS**, as local community owned and operated businesses, health centers serve as critical economic engines that help power local economies. In 2009 alone, health centers generated \$20 billion in combined economic impact and were responsible for nearly 200,000 jobs in areas hit hardest by the recession; and

**WHEREAS**, health centers offer patient-focused and coordinated health care that is preventive, as well as primary care that families and individuals need. Community health centers employ more than 9,500 physicians and more than 6,300 nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and certified midwives in a multi-disciplinary clinical workforce. This unique model allows health centers to save the entire health system approximately \$24 billion annually by keeping patients out of costlier health care settings, such as emergency rooms.

**WHEREAS**, National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to recognize America's health centers and health centers across the state of Ohio; their staff, board members, and all those responsible for the continued success and growth of such programs since they were created over 45 years ago.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby recognize August 5, 2012 through August 11, 2012 as

## HEALTH CENTER WEEK

throughout Ohio and recognize the multitude of ways in which America's health centers are powering and empowering healthier communities by delivering high quality, cost effective, and accessible health care. In this week especially, I encourage every Ohioan to visit their local health center and appreciate and celebrate the important partnership between Ohio's health centers and the communities they serve.

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012;



John R. Kasich  
Governor

